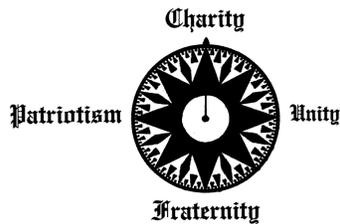


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FR. GARGOTTA'S GALAXY

As Catholics, we are familiar and have grown up with the devotions to Mary during the month of May, and then celebrating June as the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Many Catholics do not realize that July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. This was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers have taught us that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. The Precious Blood is the Blood which the Savior shed for us, and it began to flow through His veins again after the Resurrection. It is also the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration, and it is the Blood which bestows sanctifying grace for us and, through it washes our soul and leads us to eternal life. July is also the month we celebrate our nation's freedom and independence. The sacrifices of the men and women of this country are beautifully united to the sacrifices of Jesus as a way of showing God's immeasurable love and compassion for the beginning of a new Nation. For us and the men and women who sacrificed for us was for the new land of the United States of America. For us Jesus sacrificed for us for the new land of the New and Eternal Jerusalem, Heaven. Let us consider Jesus and the men and women of our country who sacrificed for us and allow devotion to the Precious Blood to guide and inspire us to be more compassionate in reaching out with our brothers and sisters to all of our brothers and sisters in need.

DAILY OFFERING: Eternal Father, we offer you the Precious Blood of Jesus, in atonement for our sins, in supplication for the holy souls in Purgatory, and for the needs of the Holy Church.

GRAND KNIGHT'S GALAXY

Dear Brothers,

I hope all are well. Summer is here. The warmer weather for which we had all been waiting got a bit too hot last week, especially for the 66 golfers who took to the links in Murrysville. A special Knights thank you to Bro. Ron Morra and Bro. Mark DeFabio for chairing the 3rd Annual Rege Reinersmann Golf Tourney. Thank you is also extended to all those brothers who played a role in making this a very successful affair.

Do not forget to circle your calendar for our Annual Picnic which is scheduled for July 29, 2018 at Overlook Park in Monroeville (off Thomas Street). The fun begins around 1:00 pm.

A Knighthood (3rd) degree is scheduled on Sept. 15, 2018 at the Lourdes Center (more in future letters).

As most of you know, I have continued to be quite busy visiting and helping take care of my wife since her sudden illness. Jane continues to be at Allegheny General Hospital where many more tests are being done. Many brothers and friends continue to send healing masses and get well wishes for Jane's recovery and I can-not begin to tell you how much they are appreciated. You provide much comfort during this very difficult time. Many brothers ask what they can do for us. Brothers, the best thing you can offer is your prayers.

Meeting dates are as follows:

Mon. 7/9 reg. mtg. @ 7:30 p.m.

Mon. 7/16 officer meeting @ 7:00 pm

Please note that during July and August, the Council will only have one meeting per month.

Please attend our meetings. We need your input and help! Please recruit and have a form 100 with you at all times!!!

Vivat Jesus
Pete

TREASURER'S GALAXY

Our treasurer, Bro. Paul Fabrizio, will present the following report at the July 9, 2018 meeting: \$30,891.75 prior bank balance, \$3,362.06 income, \$16,975.77 expenses, \$17,278.04 balance, \$5,166.55 committed funds, \$12,111.19 funds available.

The Bishop's Project fund stands at \$4,712.01. This does not include the funds collected at the recent Tootsie Roll Drive on June 8, 2018 at the Wilkins Shop & Save. These funds are to be turned over to the treasury at the July 9, 2018 meeting.

Over the past month, the Council made the following donations to our charities: \$100.00 – The Catholic League; \$100.00 – Angel's Place; \$100.00 – People Concerned for the Unborn Child; \$500.00 – Ashley Preece. This makes our total for the 2017-18 fiscal year \$14,140.03. This total does not reflect any Bishop Project funds.

ELECTION

The election of officers for the 2018-19 fiscal year were held at the meeting on June 11, 2018. The following brothers were elected: Bro. Pete Bobich – Grand Knight; Bro Ron Morra – Deputy Grand Knight; Bro. Dave Fennessey – Chancellor; Bro. Robert Schnelbach – Recorder; Bro. Paul Fabrizio – Treasurer; Bro. Thomas Cocchi – Adjutant; Bro. Joseph Balcik – Warden; Bro. William White – Inside Guard; Bro. Robert Condrac – Outside Guard; Bro. Ed McDermott – 3 year Trustee; Bro. Pete Bobich and Bro. William Syrek – delegates to the State Convention; Bro. Ron Morra – alternate delegate; Bro. John Prazenica – 2nd alternate; Bro. Pete Bobich,

Bro. Ron Morra, Bro. Mark DeFabio, Bro. Clay Bossart, Bro. Chris O'Malley and Bro. John Prazenica – Pgh. Chapter delegates. Congratulations to all of these fine brothers who will lead us in the coming year.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The second drive just occurred on June 8, 2018 at the Wilkins Shop & Save. As stated above, I do not have the totals for that drive as the funds will be given to the treasury on July 9, 2018. A special Knights thank you is extended to all those brothers who took time out of their busy schedules to stand in the doorways collecting the funds.

The next drive will occur on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Sam's Club in Monroeville. At this point there are still some volunteers needed to man the door. We need 1 volunteer for the 12-2 shift and 2 volunteers for the 2-4 shift. Please consider volunteering some of your precious time to this fund- raising event. If you are able to help, please contact Bro. Greg at 412-609-4211 or email toMelgregioell1700@verizon.net

ANNUAL PICNIC

The Annual Council 4925 Picnic is set for Sunday, July 29, 2018 at Overlook Park on Thomas Street in Monroeville. This year Bro. Mike Hawthorne has stepped forward to chair the event with the assistance of Bro. Al Vento and Bro. Santiago Alvarez. Bro. Paul Fabrizio will be the head grill master with assistance from Bro. Pete Bobich and maybe Bro. Denis Marney. The affair begins around 1:00 pm. The park has a huge ball field, tennis courts, basketball courts, kids playground, a large covered grove. The cost is a mere \$5 per family or \$3 per individual. You are also asked to bring your favorite covered dish food item for the dinner table. The Council will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, kolbassi, buns, corn, soda, water and beer. Bring your softball and glove, bats, bocce balls, tennis racquets, basketballs, but, most of all, bring yourself and family to enjoy a wonderful time with your Knight Family. See You There!



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GOLF OUTING RECAP

As stated in the Grand Knights section, the 3rd Annual Rege Reinersmann golf tourney was held on June 30, 2018 at the Murrysville Golf Course. The co-chairman of the event were Bro. Ron Morra and Bro. Mark DeFabio. These Brothers did a fantastic job in making all of the arrangements for us to have a wonderful time. There were 66 golfers who took to the course on a day with a heat index of about 100 degrees. There were 82 people who partook of a fine repast after the golfing. Following dinner, there was a Chinese auction that featured 16 prizes, a 50/50 that awarded \$275 to the winner, and numerous door prizes awarded. The winning score for this year's event was a 59 turned in by a group captained by Bro. Mike O'Donnell.

A very large thank you is extended to the co-chairmen and all of those brothers who secured sponsors, were sponsors themselves, secured door prizes, collected entry fees, sold raffle tickets, or played golf. It would not have been a great success without you.

At this time, all of the income from the event has not been turned over to the treasury. A complete report will be in next month's letter. Once again, a huge thank you is offered to Bro. Morra and Bro. DeFabio for all of their hard work and efforts to supply us with an enjoyable and fun day.

KNIGHT AT THE RACES

Bro. Tim Jacob has already set the date for next year's event as Jan. 25, 2019. Mark your calendars!

COLOR CORPS

If you are a 4th degree Knight, please give consideration to becoming a member of the color corps. The leader of the corps is our own Bro. Joe Burke III and he wanted to make sure that all of you are aware that the corps is available for the wake and funeral of all brothers who have reached the Knighthood (old 3rd) degree and the Patriotism (old 4th) degree as well as their spouses. The corps is looking for members to join the corps. The date for the change-over to the new color corps uniform has

been extended to June 30, 2019. If you are interested, please contact Bro. Burke 412-736-3673 or email jpburkeIII@verizon.net

Upcoming Color Corps events include: July 28, 2018 at the 4th degree Exemplification at Sacred Heart Parish, 337 Center Street, St. Mary's, PA; July 29, 2018 at 1:30 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral for the 175th Anniversary of the first Mass offered in Pittsburgh; Sep. 22, 2018 at the Sheraton Station Square for the Ladies of Charity National Assembly; Oct. 6, 2018 at the All Saints Council #6118 in Swissvale for their 50th Anniversary Mass & Dinner Dance; and, Oct. 14, 2018 at 10:30 am at Madonna Del Castello Church in Swissvale for the St. Simeone Mass & Italian Festival. WOW! These brothers are busy!

PATRIOTISM (FOURTH DEGREE)

There is a fourth-degree exemplification scheduled for July 29, 2018 at the Sacred Heart Parish, 337 Center Street, St. Mary's, PA. Registration begins at 8:00 am. The Exemplification is at 10:00 am. The banquet is at 1:00 pm and Mass will occur at 4:00 pm. If you are a 3rd degree Knight and would like to progress to the final degree of Knighthood, please contact our Financial Secretary, Bro. John Prazenica (info on letterhead) for the application form.

PRO-LIFE COAST TO COAST ROSARY

A Pro-Life Coast to Coast Rosary will be celebrated on Sunday, October 7, 2018. Bro. Tom Venditti and Bro. Frank Novasack are heading a group of musicians and singers for the ceremony at St. Bernadette Parish. If you would like to be part of this group, the next practice is set for 5:30 pm on July 9, 2018 in Beidenbach Hall (prior to our meeting).

OUR INSURANCE AGENT

Geoffrey Crowe is our insurance agent. Geoff is a member of Council 4242. He is well versed in fraternal affairs having served as a District Deputy and all of the chairs on the Council level. He can be reached at 412-915-5217 or email to Geoffrey.Crowe@kofc.org Bro. Crowe is readily



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available to help brothers fill their insurance and financial needs. The only thing that keeps the Council from being a Star Council is the fact that we do not have enough members purchasing insurance and/or annuity products from Supreme.

WEB SITE

WWW.KofC4925.ORG is our new website.

Take a look at what's available on-line to see what's available to help with communication and for reference use by the general public and Brothers of Council #4925. Add your *Prayer Requests* at any time; have access to the Compass, our newsletter, including past editions; have access to our past – the legacy that is our foundation; have access to a list of the chairmen of our various projects; link to sites of interest. The *News & Announcements* and the *Events Calendar* will be updated and changed regularly so bookmark this site so you may visit it regularly. You can pull up copies of past issues of The Compass dating back to 2006. The site will continue to evolve into a volunteer scheduling and, perhaps even to allow dues payment on-line. More to come! A very big Knights thank you is extended to our Financial Secretary, Bro. John Prazenica for all of his hard work and time spent in maintaining the site.

TAP SCHOLARSHIPS

The names of our five TAP Scholarship winners should be pulled at our next meeting. The Council voted to raise the amount of our scholarships from \$250 to \$500 and we also took applications from brothers of the 3rd degree (or 4th) who are fathers or grandfathers of children attending Catholic Grade or High Schools. The deadline for the applications was June 30, 2018. Hopefully, there are a lot of candidates. Those selected will be reported in next month's letter.

COUNCIL DUES

The calendar year is now more than half over. If you have not sent in your dues for the current year, please submit your dues to Bro. John Prazenica, 640 5th St., Unit #105, Oakmont, PA 15139 as soon as possible.

THE BROTHERHOOD ETERNAL

Bro. Angelo Butera passed away on June 28, 2018 at the young age of 91 years. He was the beloved husband of the late Dorothy (Calfe) Butera. He is survived by his children Angelo Butera (Cynthia), Amy Mayberry (Keith), and Jeanine Butera, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mary Louise Wolf. Bro. Butera retired from US Steel after working for 37 years as a registered electrician. He was a US Army WWII veteran and a member of St. Bernadette Parish. He was a brother Knight for over 32 years. A service for deceased brother was held at Corl Funeral Home on July 1, 2018. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Bernadette Parish on July 2, 2018 and he was entombed at Calvary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Bernadette Parish, 245 Azalea Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all of our dearly departed rest in peace.

GOOD AND WELFARE

A special Knights thank you is extended to Bro. Clay Bossart for updating our recruitment brochure, updating our roster & phone tree, and providing us with new name tags and badge clips. Bro. Clay is one of our hardest working Knights and he deserves our appreciation for all that he does to make our Council great.

A motion was made by Bro. Kurt Kmetz at the July 25, 2018 meeting to provide \$500 to a young woman from Pitcairn who is struggling to meet her medical expenses. It was seconded and passed unanimously by the brotherhood. A check was mailed the next day.

Bro. Joe Burke reports that our next Retreat is set for Jan. 25-27, 2018 at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery on the South Side of Pittsburgh.

Bro. Jim Marshall reported at the last meeting that the booklets which the Council provides to our churches will no longer be coming from Supreme. The job has been sub-contracted out. What this means to us is that



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we will now be charged for shipping and handling and our cost will increase.

Our chaplain, Fr. Anthony Gargotta, has asked that the Council consider making a basket donation to this year's Annual Festival at St. Bernadette's. This will be discussed at the meeting on July 29, 2018. I am sure we can put something nice together.

A Patriotism (4th) degree was held on June 3, 2018 at the Meadowlands Hotel. Our Council had no one receive the degree. However, there were 133 other brothers from other councils who did.

If you would like to purchase a He Is Risen Magnet, please contact our chairman, Bro. Robert Schnelbach at 412-915-9075 or email to schnels0827@gmail.com

The Annual Memorial Mass for deceased brothers has been scheduled for Nov. 18, 2018 at St. Bernadette.

Supreme has a Facebook site and they are currently running a nine-part series called "Everyday Heroes." If you do Facebook, log on and pull the videos.

Bro. Tom Venditti and Bro. Frank Novasack will be traveling to Baltimore, MD this September where they will be spreading the word to people of various faiths regarding devotion to the Blessed Mother. Please pray for their success!

Our Chaplain, Bro. Fr. Anthony Gargotta has requested that his fellow brothers say prayers for the Diocese of Pittsburgh as it embarks on The Church Alive Movement.

Bro. Pate Bobich, Jr. won the 50/50 at the June 11, 2018 meeting. He won \$49. Bro. Bobich repeated his luck at the June 25, 2018 meeting. He took home \$54.

The following Council Brothers passed away during the month of July: Charles Franklin – 7/4/87; Mark Wojton – 7/4/16; PGK Patsy Boccardi, Jr – 7/7/16; Francis Cassidy – 7/18/73; Joseph Imro – 7/19/77; Roger Guella – 7/21/96; Jesse Stewart – 7/23/66; Joseph Santangelo

– 7/23/11; Robert Dalton – 7/27/94; Charles Passmore – 7/27/14; and John Holtschneider – 7/29/90. Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them! May their souls and the souls of all of our dearly departed brothers rest in peace.

SICK LIST: Steve Prazenica, Joe Nese, Jane Bobich, Marilyn Hart, Ned Cash, Camille Cash, Dr. Angelo DiPiazza, Cindy Hawthorne, Ron Humberson, Leslie Sparks, Ginney Daly, Tom Delaney, Bill Vieney, Rita Galasso, Anthony Williams, Lois Lewis, Christine Schnelbach, Joan Ignudo, Ashley Preece, and Michelle Kuhn.

DECEASED: Angelo Butera, Parris Westbrook, Ruth Curl, Mary Papsio, John Papsio, Tony Genru, Joseph Pasquarelli, Nora Guerk, Jill Kotowski, Cecilia Rojas, Jeff Otte, Bruno Sammartino, William May, John Yanniruberto, Doug Gurski, Ruth Hayden, Nick Fortuna, Francis Bonadio, Joseph Scioscia, Tess Waligura, Joe Weber, Ed Jagr, and Carol Marney.

So, that is it for this month brothers! Don't forget to attend the meeting on July 9, 2018 and the Annual Picnic on July 29, 2018. Remember that there will only be one meeting per month in July and August. These will be on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Vivat, Jesus – Paul



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