

Below is a list of upcoming Council activities/events (a more detailed listing for the rest of the year is attached), followed by key items covered during our last Council meeting. Of particular note, volunteers are needed to help serve breakfast for the CCW breakfast on May 18th. Please respond to this email or contact any Council officer if you can help out.

- May 13, 2025 – Monthly Council business meeting at 7:00 PM, preceded by the Rosary at 6:30 PM (Officer nominations)
- May 18, 2025 - CCW Breakfast
- May 26, 2025 - Flag placement at Brother Knight gravesites
- May 27, 2025 - Scholarship application due date
- June 1, 2025 – Annual Council picnic starting at 1:30 PM (**Postponed**)
- June 7, 2025 – Sell french fries/drinks at Lewisburg Car Show (8 AM to 4 PM)
- June 10, 2025 – Monthly Council business meeting at 7:00 PM, preceded by the Rosary at 6:30 PM (Officer elections)
- June 29, 2025 - 5th Sunday Rosary
- July 8, 2025 – Monthly Council business meeting at 7:00 PM, preceded by the Rosary at 6:30 PM
- July 12, 2025 – Saints Cyril & Methodius Summer Festival

The following items were discussed at the Tuesday, April 8, 2025, Council meeting:

Grand Knight's Report: Thanks to DGK Piorkowski for putting together the attached listing of events/projects our Council is working on or are upcoming. Please review, put them on your calendar, and consider volunteering for/participating in one or more of them.

Treasurer's report: No report. Status as of the March meeting: General Account: Current balance of \$1,456.07. Charity Fund: Current balance of \$5,693.25.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship: An announcement regarding this year's \$1,000 Council scholarship will be placed in upcoming bulletins. The application due date is the end of May. Brothers Laverty, Zelner, Thompson, and Patterson will again serve on the Committee this year and will meet in early June to review applications and make an award recommendation to the Council. Information on the State scholarship process will also be published in a future bulletin. It was noted that the State's scholarship application timeline is different from our Council's (applications are not due until the end of the calendar year for the following year). Each State scholarship is for \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year over four years) and there are only two awardees from our District so it is very competitive.

Harvest Festival/Car Show: This year's Lewisburg Car Show is June 7th (rain date is June 8th) and our Council will again sell french fries and drinks. Details will be finalized at our Council's May business meeting. Heller's will not be approached to provide propane for the Car Show so as not to jeopardize their donation for the Harvest Festival (we do not expect to use as much gas for the Car Show and will depend on using Council member's personal small tanks). The location remains the same as last year (Fairfield Dealership off of Route 15). Brothers are asked to block out time on their schedules to help out. Brother Zelner noted that we do not typically get info on the Harvest Festival until around July. We do have the date for this year which is noted on the list of upcoming events (September 13, 2025). All members of our Council are encouraged to put both dates on their calendars since maximum participation is needed.

Retention Committee: The Deputy Grand Knight and Financial Secretary will meet in the near future to discuss removal of inactive members from our Council's roles. DKG Piorkowski noted that to move this process forward the State wants the Chairman of the Retention Committee to submit any requests for removal of members from our Council.

Old business:

Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) raffle tickets: Thanks to all who helped sell tickets after weekend Masses. Our Council sold 216 tickets, which provided \$540 to our Council's Charity fund. Since our Council exceeded the minimum of 75 tickets sold, the children of Council members are eligible to apply for the State's annual scholarship.

Special Olympics Collection: Thanks to all who helped with the Special Olympics Collection after the March 15/16 Masses. Your efforts helped us raise \$705 that was forwarded to the Special Olympics Pennsylvania.

Our Council provided the meal for the **March 27th Newman House (CCM) Thursday night dinner** (pierogies, kielbasa, apple sauce, and green beans). Thanks to Brothers Zelner, Laverty, Mahoney, and Patterson for helping to prepare and serve the meal. Final costs for the food provided are still being tabulated and will be reported at a future meeting (for historical reference).

Thanks to those who participated in saying the **March 30th Rosary** at Sacred Heart Church.

Summer festival at Saints Cyril & Methodius: The Sisters have requested help from our Council for their 50th annual Summer Festival. The Festival will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 (9 or 10 AM until 5 PM). Please contact one of the Council officers or respond to this email if you can help out.

Annual Summer Picnic: Our Council is planning to have our annual summer family picnic on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 1:30 PM at the St. Joseph Parish pavilion. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided and those attending are asked to bring a side dish/dessert to share. We hope as many Council members and their families as possible will attend. An email to all Council members needs to be sent out asking those who are planning to attend to respond with the number of family members and a side dish they will bring. It was suggested that the email provide a deadline of May 20th for responses. Availability of the pavilion on June 1st also needs to be verified. Brother Bianco will reach out to the St. Joseph Parish office to confirm availability.

Membership Drive: Thanks to all who participated in the membership drive after the Sacred Heart and Saint George Masses on Sunday, April 6th. The DKG asked those who distributed pamphlets/information to follow up with any men to whom they remember providing info.

New business:

Upcoming Annual Elections: Positions up for election this year (with current occupant) are Recorder (Brother Zelner), Treasurer (Brother Thompson), Advocate (vacant), Warden (Brother Laverty), Inside Guard (Brother Bianco), Outside Guard (Brother Arney), and 3rd Year Trustee (Brother Gillot). Nominations will be accepted at the May meeting. All members of our Council are encouraged to self-nominate. Please respond to this email or contact one of the Council officers with your interest in any of these positions. Council members not currently in an officer position are asked to prayerfully consider filling one of the open positions.

First Penance Retreat Breakfast: Our Council is preparing and serving breakfast (waffles, sausage, strawberries, juice, and coffee) this weekend for the First Penance Retreat breakfast participants and their families. Thanks to those who volunteered to help out.

CCW Breakfast: Our Council will help with the CCW breakfast on May 18th. Three to four brothers are needed to serve and clean-up. This will be discussed further at the May business meeting.

Flag Placement at Brother Gravesites: Brother Ruoss will coordinate placement of flags at various Brother gravesites (our Council no longer does this at St. Joseph's Cemetery). Roughly 20 or so are placed before Memorial Day.

The Worthy Lecturer read a selection from a Matthew Kelly book "33 Days to Divine Mercy" discussing prayer for others, including for those who have drifted away from the Catholic faith, noting that families with great faith typically have a prayerful giant in their not too

distant past - someone who covers their family with prayer, anchoring their family in God's grace. Persistence in prayer will be rewarded. Trust, surrender, believe, and receive.

The next Council meeting is Tuesday, May 13th, 2025. The Rosary starts at 6:30 PM, and the business meeting begins at 7:00 PM. Please attend to discuss and finalize plans for upcoming activities.

Blessings!

Mike Patterson

Grand Knight