



# The Knight Star

St. Mark's Star of the Sea  
Council # 11374

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"One Nation under God"

## Grand Knight's Message

### Success and Failure

Congratulations to our Sir Knights: Tony Morales, Nom Morrill, and Ed Ehrmentraut! The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Committee did a very nice job on the Exemplification ceremony and associated dinner. As a council we have been very successful in our percentage of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree membership standing at almost 45 percent of our total membership. This is well above the national average and is quite commendable.

Unfortunately, this doesn't really give our Council any real accolades(stars) We are surrounded, regionally, by Councils that are recognized by Supreme as being exceptional and I am trying to figure out why we aren't in lockstep. This was until the speech by the Honoree at the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree dinner Bishop Matano.

Our Bishop is pleased to have the Knights in the Diocese and would be very happy to see us continue to flourish. He blessed us for the charitable efforts that we currently undertake. However, praise was not the theme of his message rather complacency with our Faith. This was not directed at the Knights, but Catholics as a whole. In short his message was that the debauchery of society will overrun our Christian values if all Christians do not remain vigilant in our efforts to stand up for what we know to be the truth and right.

His message was powerful and far more eloquent than I can impart, but rang truth in my mind. I looked at some of the obstacles our Council faces and see that some could be based on complacency. Some primary concerns are membership, meeting participation, and community involvement.

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## Monthly Council Meeting in St. Lawrence Deacon Hall

Thu, November 16, 2017

6:00PM - Rosary

6:30PM – Meeting

8:30PM - Dismissal

## Mark Your Calendar

11/11/ 10 AM

Planting St. Lawrence Church

11/14 – 8:15 am

Knights Breakfast

Long Pond Family Restaurant

11/16 – 6:00PM

Council Meeting 6:30 PM

St. Lawrence Deacon Hall

11/27

1 st Degree Ceremony

St. Marks Library

11/28 – 8:15 am

Knights Breakfast

Long Pond Family Restaurant

### Save the Date

**12/5 Light up fr Christ 7:30 pm  
St. Mark's Chapel.**

**12/7 Council Christmas Party  
Lodge on the Green**

As Knights we should always be on the lookout for new Knight Candidates. When was the last time went up to an acquaintance and asked if they had ever thought of becoming a Knight? Why don't you give it a try? Go up to an acquaintance after Mass and ask if they have ever considered joining, offer them direction on how to get more information. There are pamphlets and information available through the Membership Director or Grand Knight.. Growing our ranks is fundamental to our ongoing success. We need new ideas and young enthusiasm. We cannot allow our council to age out due to complacency.

Monthly Meeting and Community involvement go hand in hand. All our ideas are discussed and planned. How will you know of all that is planned without that monthly interaction? In speaking with Grand Knights of some of the more successful Councils in our region a key component to their success is the participation of their membership. While we are fortunate to have a consistent group of meeting attendees and event volunteers, we would also like to see Brother Knights who haven't attended join us for one of the upcoming meetings. Maybe you can't attend every month, but you should certainly consider attending a few per year; maybe just once a quarter to get started. The success of our Council and the Knights of Columbus as a whole is the responsibility of each and every Knight. For the posterity of our progeny and Christian society, failure is not an option.

Mark Gardone  
 Grand Knight  
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- Charitable/Participation Opportunities:
- Sister M. Regis Food Cupboard needs fresh produce from local gardeners – Call Sister Julia (585) 454-6766 to donate
  - Journey Home (Hospice) is looking for additional volunteers. Inquire as to the type of assistance they need.
  - 12/5 Light the tree for Christ
  - Mount Carmel House (Hospice)is looking for additional volunteers. Anything you do around your house is a need that they have.
  - Christmas Dinner Planning
  - First Degree Committee Members Needed
    - Council 11374 is hosting in November
    - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.....

Questions/Concerns:

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November Birthdays

- 11/3 – Thomas Beck
- 11/10 – Albert Bodamer
- 11/10 – Michael Nicolosi
- 11/21 – Rick Antelli
- 11/22 – James Griffen
- 11/26 – Edmund Nietopski
- 11/30 – Daniel Melia

Good of the Order

- Derek Murphy
- Jim Phillipone
- Gary Valentine
- Heather Donohue
- Mario DiGiambattista
- Michael Nicolosi
- Deacon Tom Beck
- Peter Sardano
- Bob Oswald
- Michele Filarowski
- Terri DiGiambattista
- Mary Palumbo
- Velma Marron
- Christopher Morrill
- Marcus Brooks
- Mark Maldonado
- Mary Ann Ehrmentraut
- Beth Barcomb
- Jerry Figliole
- Heidi Sweet
- Jane Bunzelman

In Memorial

- Velma Marron
- Charles Palumbo

Wisdom of the Month

What are you thankful for