



# The Knight Star

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### Monthly Council Meeting

### St. Lawrence Deacon Hall Dinner Meeting

Thu, April 19, 2018

6:00PM - Meeting; & 6:45 - Dinner

## Grand Knight's Message

My first swing at a message for this month was not a good exercise. I have since slept and regained center. I wrote my first draft immediately after attending the Bishop's Bourse which always includes a 3rd Degree Exemplification.

Witnessing the Exemplification reaffirms the tenants which we all vow to uphold, if you are 3rd Degree of course. It is the exemplification of Fraternity, the love and support of our Brotherhood. As a Brotherhood, we join together (akin to family) in the execution of the common goal to support and love of our Catholic Church and our Community.

When we publicly wear our Knights emblem and participate in Knights functions we are first and foremost a Knight, supporting our Fraternity and Catholic Church. All efforts and benefit must be to that end and we must be acting as one rather than individuals. When we return to our normal life and are not participating in Knights activities we are free to decide for ourselves.

I have come to the conclusion that each of us should be witnessing a 3rd Degree every few years to refresh our memory to the vow.

A second important topic to discuss this month is the topic of change. Change is a necessity and should not be considered destructive, but a strength as the ability to adapt. Without change many things cease to exist. Our Council is in the process of inevitable change which is destined to continue rather than stop. Some call this a "changing of the guard". As a professional working in an enterprise environment I have learned that I MUST accept change and how to incorporate it into my new norm. Without acceptance of change long term happiness is jeopardized by stubbornness that will lose out to progress. Acceptance starts with trust that new leadership or direction has the common good and longevity of existence as the goal and priority for the future. Change includes recognition that good things happened in the past but tries to incorporate new means to the same end, the support of our two Parishes.

New methods, new ideas, a fresh perspective! These are strengths and hope for the future! A wise man told me about twenty years ago, "Change is inevitable, you may go kicking and screaming, but you're gonna go!" I went.....

**Additional thoughts beyond my monthly message:**

Our Fish Fry was a resounding success again this year even though we faced many, many changes in personnel and vendors. As GK I got an up close view of all the workings, issues and outcomes.

**What I learned:** It takes an extraordinary amount of effort to derive even a single dollar of charitable donations; much more than if an equal amount was created from an entrepreneurial endeavor.

We did not collect as much funding as we did last year, but we did well enough to justify continuing the efforts next year!

Our Activity Director, Ralph DiNitto, did an outstanding job of managing all the changes in vendors and continued to provide the scheduling, direction and leadership in the kitchen that made it run with efficiency! Our Columbiettes that covered the dessert table and raffles did a fine job for their first year and appreciated the oversight of our veteran Columbiettes as they offered assistance in the transition. Even our new “Tater Scrubbers” did a bang up job keeping us on schedule!!

We need to be especially grateful for each and every volunteer that helped make it a success! Every task is necessary for the event to become whole and none go unappreciated!

**VIVAT JESUS!!**

**Mark Your Calendar**

4/10 – 8:15AM  
Knights Breakfast  
Long Pond Family Restaurant

4/19 – 6:30PM  
Council Meeting 7:00 PM  
St. Marks Library

4/24 – 8:15 am  
Knights Breakfast  
Long Pond Family Restaurant

5/1 – K-NET (Knight’s Networking)  
5:30P to 7:00P  
Jeremiah’s Tavern  
1175 Jefferson Rd 14623

**April Birthdays**

Gary Donovan 4/3  
Anthony Rosati 4/4  
Todd Hogan 4/5  
James Roth 4/20  
Frank Tantalo 4/23

**Happy Birthday Gentlemen!**

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