



APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #14754

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

We have 17 members of the Council celebrating birthdays in April. The average length of service of the members is 7.5 years, and their average age is just short of 60. The birthdays include longer serving members like Peter J Dejong (16 yrs) and PGK Ron Carr (16 yrs), as well as Guy Lyons (15 yrs). We also have some very new Knights in the birthday list this month including Casey Callagy (1 yr) and Jason Barnes (1 yr). The youngest Knight celebrating a birthday this month is Paul Puncer at 23 and the oldest is Anthony Silvestro at 94. Anthony is also our oldest knight in the council! The birthday roll includes 3 Sir Knights: Tommy Aguilera, Ron Carr, and Arnaldo Alvarado. We have 4 sets of Knights sharing birthdays among the group. This month's birthday roster includes 15 third degree Knights and two first degree Knights.

Day, Knight, Yrs service

6, Tony Madruga, 9
8, Alexander Horvath, 10
8, Guy Lyons, 15
10, Martin Barron, 2
15, Tommy Aguilera, 7
15, Peter Dejong, 16
17, Ron Carr, 16
17, Greg Desme, 12
18, Casey Callagy, 1
19, Paul Puncer, 3
21, Steve Roach, 7
22, Arnaldo Alvarado, 8
22, Jason Barnes, 1
24, Joey Velasquez, 2
25, Anthony Silvestro, 9
27, Jon Sofranko, 6
29, Bradley Webb, 9

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The submission deadline for our May newsletter is May 7. Please send as Word Documents.
Please email submissions to Ed Knudson: email: osuetk@bak.rr.com

MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

Dear Brother Knights and Friends:

Many people of good faith celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday. Typically, it is the day when the greatest number of people attend Mass or a Christian worship service. While the numbers we must accommodate on that day seem overwhelming, we should be thankful that people who may *not* attend Mass faithfully still find it important to be here at Easter. The challenge for those of us who attend Mass regularly is to be hospitable and welcoming to those who are with us only once or twice each year. Who knows? Maybe the way we interact with and welcome visitors will help plant some seed within them that may blossom into a sincere faith some day!

One way of looking at this “situation” is to remember how the apostles themselves (with the exception of John) failed to remain with Jesus after he was arrested and when he was crucified. On the one day they should have been with Jesus, they were nowhere to be seen—hiding out of fear of the authorities. Yet, when Jesus rose from the dead, he appeared to all of them and forgave them. We should not be too surprised if the Lord blesses our “absent” Catholics in the same way he blesses those of us who are more “regular” in our attendance at Mass. Don't get me wrong: Mass attendance is important and the blessings we receive in the Eucharist are indispensable to our spiritual lives. Yet, we should be careful not to judge those who do not attend Mass. The Lord has his ways of working in the hearts of all who may not be very strong in their faith commitment. He can draw them closer at any moment in life. Our prayers for them can assist them in this way.

So, as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter, let us pray for the spiritual well-being of all of our family members and friends whose faith may need some strengthening. When we gather with them at Easter, let us demonstrate the love of Christ toward them by our words and actions.

A blessed Easter to you!

Msgr Perry Kavookjian

APRIL MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Grand Knight April 2025 Message

We just ended the 3rd Quarter of our fraternal year at the end of March. It's been a busy and fruitful time. Just to review all that we've done, it's amazing to see how much we have helped our parish and community.

In mid-January, the SEAS Knights assisted with taking down all of the beautiful Christmas decorations in the Chapel and hallway. At the end of January on the weekend of 24-26, we had the annual SEAS Men's Retreat at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Three Rivers. Fr Jim Nisbet's theme was "Christian Living in the 21st Century". I ask for all of you to mark your calendar for the 2026 Men's Retreat which is again slated for the last full weekend in January of 2026 (January 24-26). In Mid-February the Knights prepared and served breakfast to the homeless at St. Vincent DePaul which is always such a rewarding experience to just see the joy and happiness a simple gesture of a good meal brings. Our Council was also able to donate \$500 to St. Vincent DePaul. March started out with the AM Roadside Cleanup and then on the same day assisted our parish with the SEAS Mardi Gras celebration on the patio. In addition, on Saturday March 15 the Knights showed up early at 7AM to help the Brett Striegel family by removing 14 oleander bushes, cleaning up the yard, converting an interior window and replacing it with a door, some plumbing fixes, and installing a basketball hoop in the driveway. The family was so appreciative with all the help we were able to give. The Knights also prepared and served four March Friday Lenten Fish Dinners with the invaluable help of LMF. We also had our monthly business meetings and great meals and companionship at the social dinner meetings.

This quarter was filled with the time, talent, and treasure along with the many prayers of our SEAS Brother Knights for our families, friends, non-profits and SEAS under the leadership of our Chaplain Msgr. Perry

April 1, 2025, begins the 4th and final quarter of this fraternal year.

The Knights have only two more Lenten Fish Dinners on April 4 and 11 from 4 to 6:45PM followed by the Stations of the Cross in the Chapel. Saturday April 5th the Knight's will help at SEAS by preparing a pancake and sausage breakfast for the SEAS Mom's Family 5K.

HOLY WEEK begins Monday April 14, and we are moving our April Knights social, dinner 6PM with meeting at 7PM (#16 Charter Night) to Monday April 21, the day after Easter Sunday

Msgr. Perry has requested for Knights to volunteer to assist as Ushers for Holy Week and at the Easter Masses. He is also asking that Knights help with parking lot assistance for all three Easter Masses on Sunday April 20th (7:30, 9:30 and 11:30AM). Review the Easter Mass schedule and contact me by calling or texting me at 661-706-6171.

We have two Events in May 2025. The SEAS Golf Tournament Saturday May 3rd, Links at Riverlakes Ranch Golf Course. Sunday May 4th is the Heritage Festival slated to begin at 1PM. We will need Knight volunteers to set up and take down tables and chairs on the patio. Our wonderful Pitmasters will be busy preparing and serving food. Also, very worthy of note, is that our seminarian, Martin Ortega will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 24 with his first Mass to be celebrated in our SEAS Chapel on the following Sunday, May 25. Mark your calendar and plan on attending these 2 events. Also mark your calendar for June 29, 5th Sunday Family Rosary beginning about 8:40 AM following the 7:30 Mass.

For April 2025 take a few minutes to review with your family Your Lenten Mission resources on this Link:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/lent.html>

God Bless You Brother Knights and your family!

~Vivat Jesus! ~

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DUES AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Craig Holliday.

Dues

As we move into the second-half of our fraternal year, we are still in the process of collecting dues for the 2024-2025 year. Thus far we have collected dues from 136 of the 172 Council members who pay dues. We are still trying to collect dues from a few dozen Council members. If you have not paid dues yet, please remember that dues can be paid online through our Council website or by emailing a check to our financial secretary Chris Zeimer.

Thus far our dues collection has brought in \$6,376. We have collected an additional \$4,187 in optional dues. This brings us to a grand total of \$10,563 collected. We anticipate collecting another \$1,710 from those members who have not yet paid.

Membership

In the month of March, we added three members to the council. We welcome new members Bryce Zaben and Clayton Cobbs as well as a reentry of brother Dario Fonseca. This brings our overall membership to 199 members, 147 of those are associate members and 52 are insurance members. Supreme Council set our yearly quota at 11 members. We have surpassed that with 14 new members thus far. Please remember that we are always interested in finding new members for the Council. If you have any questions about membership, please feel free to contact me at 661-599-9219 or at craig_holliday@kernhigh.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Lenten Fish Dinners

April 4, 11

5K Run

Saturday, April 5

Charter Night--#16

Mon, April 21

Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 3—6:30 am

Heritage Festival

Sunday May 4 – 1:00pm

“If the horse you are riding dies..... Dismount!”

**“No matter how far you go down the wrong path; turn
back!”**

Steve Uze¹¹

