



The Vessel



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In Memoriam

Brother Charles A. Moench, Life Member
1926 - 2016

Sir Knight Edward I. Ryan, Life Member
1924 - 2016

Sir Knight John J. Zitkus, Life Member
1928 - 2016

Sir Knight Leo C. Foran, Life Member
1929 - 2016

Brother Louis E. Hyjurick, Life Member
1942 - 2016

Brother Barry Greb, Honorary Life Member
1950 - 2016

Sir Knight Horacio A. Hildalgo, Life Member
1929 - 2016

Sir Knight Emil J. Horwatt, Life Member
1919 - 2016

Brother Harold P. Cassidy, Life Member
1928 - 2016



Grand Knight's Message

Furman Miles

Worthy Brothers,

Greetings Brothers, SJW Family, and Community, I hope that this Easter season has been a joyous one for you. Easter a great time of renewal, reconciliation, a chance to grow in our relationship with Christ, by reflecting on his love and sacrifice at Calvary for us. I pray this Easter season has had a special spiritual significance to you, your family, and our community. Let us also pray for the people you can't be with their families/friends this Easter season, our military, police, firefighters, emergency workers, our brothers and sisters that are sick in hospitals, prisons, and who are estranged in their relationships. May all find God's Grace this Easter season.

We will be celebrating our 60th anniversary as a council this month. We formed our charter back on April 26th 1956. Since that time we have serving many in our churches and community. We have a rich local history, and have grown to be a trusted iconic organization in the Lower Bucks area. We'll be celebrating this milestone formally at a dinner party on Saturday April 30th 6-10pm in The Nest. There will be open buffet, bar- beer/wine, dancing, and testimonials sharing our many accomplishments over the years. The celebration party is of no cost to members and their family. Please join us on April 30th for this joyous event.

In addition to the Anniversary Dinner on April 30th we have been working on our 18th annual golf outing which will be on June 10th at Bensalem Country Club. We need all sorts of help with this. It is our biggest fundraiser which helps support our many charities along with our council home. If you can help with sponsors, find participants, volunteer for a position during, or like to golf, reach out to PGK Tom Gallagher at support@tomgallagher.com or find out more, and or register online at www.kofc4215.com

I would like to thank DGK Joe Jones and his fabulous wife Jennifer for the great Job they did with the Easter egg hunt on March 26th! There were over 40 participants and their families who came out to take in all the festivities. There was also a special after party in the Nest with a visit from the Easter bunny. It was an outstanding family event that brought a lot

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Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Anne Stancker

Also, please keep in your prayers Barbara Cumberland, who recently passed away. May she rest in peace.



Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2015 - 2016

Grand Knight: Furman Miles

Chaplain: Father Edward Kelty

Financial Secretary: Jim Price, PGK

Deputy Grand Knight: Joe Jones

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Two Year Trustee: John Stancker, PGK, FDD

Three Year Trustee: Dan Tisak

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Alt Delegate: Jim Price, PGK

Officers for the SJW Home Assn Board of Directors

President: Alan Wersler, PGK

Vice President: Pete Williams

Secretary: Ken Harkanson, PGK, FDD

Treasurer: Jim Price, PGK

We continuously struggle to make ends meet financially at the Nest. While we have made strides in the income department, much work is yet to be done. We are still looing for ideas to close the gap in income vs. expenses that we incur. As they say, all hands on deck! Anyone with ideas, please contact me. In the interim, we need your patronage.

Vivat Jesus,

Alan Wersler, PGK, Home President

For the entertainment schedule, please visit the home association page at www.kofc4215.com for more details.

A View about Faith

I'm an agnostic, she said. We knights were waiting in line for the viewing of a fellow's knight's beloved, deceased wife. This woman had made her way behind where I was standing. Great, I thought. Someone wants to pee in the Catholic swimming pool. But when I turned to see the woman, I found her to be an interesting and likeable person. So I respectfully gave my thirty second Catholic elevator speech: In nature, things work because things are engineered to work. If things were a little bit off in temperature, pressure, mass, etc., then things don't work. This is a mark of Intelligent Design. And just Google "Our Lady of Fatima" and you will see photos of over 50,000 astonished people staring at the sky. Reporters sent to Fatima by the agnostic newspaper "El Seculo" on the Day of the Miracle of the Sun (October 13, 1917), subsequently wrote, "We have no explanation for the supernatural events we witnessed". After some moments of silence, we eventually spoke about other things and common interests.

Faith is a joy and a blessing that we Knights ask for every time we pray the rosary. We can and must defend our faith as reasonable but ultimately faith is a gift from God. I'm not sure whether or not God worked through my words to leave the seeds of faith in that woman. I hope so. But when I heard my words to her, I was reminded just how great a treasure it is to have faith in the first place. Let's pray for each other so that we Knights stand faithful to a life of faith in our God Who loves us and gave Himself for us.

Faternally,

Dr. Daniel J. Tisak, Trustee

**Have
Faith
in
GOD**

Chaplain's Message

Father Edward Kelty

Our chaplain did not have time to pen an article this month. Please continue to pray to the venerable Father McGivney. Continue to pray the rosary as well.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2016

4/5/2016	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Hall
4/12/2016	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:00 PM – Nest
4/19/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
4/26/2016	Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
4/30/2016	60 th Anniversary Celebration – 6:00 PM - Nest

May 2016

5/3/2016	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Chambers
5/10/2016	Home Assn. Meet at 7:00 PM - Charter Room
5/17/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
5/31/2016	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

June 2016

6/7/2016	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM
6/10/2016	Golf Outing – Bensalem CC – 10:00 AM
6/14/2016	Home Assn. Meet at 7:00 PM - Charter Room
6/21/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
6/28/2016	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

By Law Change – SJW Home Assn

Article V - Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of Fourteen (14) persons. Twelve (12) of whom shall be chosen by a majority vote of all members present at the annual meeting of the Home Association in a manner hereafter stated, and Two (2) of whom shall consist of the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight of St. Joseph the Worker Council No. 4215 of the Knights of Columbus, by virtue of their office. In the event the Grand Knight and/or the Deputy Grand Knight are elected members of the Board, their elected chair shall be declared vacant and filled in accordance with these By-Laws. **If for any reason either the Grand Knight and/or the Deputy Grand Knight cannot serve on the Board of Directors, the Grand Knight will recommend a replacement(s) from the remaining council officers and the replacement(s) will be confirmed by the membership at a council meeting.** Four members shall be elected for a term of three years and any unexpired term shall be filled accordingly. All elected members of the Board shall commence their official duties on the First day of July of the year of election.

*The text in **Bold print** is the proposed change.*

NOTE: This will be voted on at the SJW Home Assn meeting on April 12, 2016.

of positive exposure to our council. Our sincerest thanks go out to Joe and Jennifer for your leadership in running that event. Speaking of family events our Social Nights the third Tuesday of every month have been very well attended as of late. The next one is on Tuesday April 19th and the menu is meatloaf & mashed potatoes. Please consider joining us for this fun family event.

Attention brother Knights: nominations for elections of officers will be put forth at the next business meeting April 5th. Any third degree brother who wishes to play a role as an officer in our council please attend to find out more on how you can get involved as an officer or an activities chairman. We need fresh and creative ideas that come with the involvement of new blood to improve, and do more great work! So Please step up! Also I'm challenging any brothers who we haven't seen in a while to rise up and take an active role in our work. Come to our next meeting to see how you can help. The harvest plenty, but the workers our few. Our Council continues to do terrific work in our churches and community but we're missing opportunities to do more because the same twelve officers are doing most of the heavy lifting. We need help! Please come to the next meeting to see how you can get involved.

Vivat Jesus,



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Looking for a Few Good Men

It has been nearly three and half years since I began this incredible experience with the Knights of Columbus. Rare is it when you find a common bond with men of all ages who both want to serve their God and their fellow man. There is nothing more rewarding than doing the work of Christ by helping those who are in the greatest need. And, on top of that, we have a great time doing what we do and, in my case, have made a number of lifelong friendships.

This Council has been blessed since I have been a member to have strong leadership and a dedicated and extremely engaged group of volunteers that have allowed us to be as successful as we have been in doing so many great things for so many people. But, many of those people, for a variety of reasons, will at the very least be leaving their leadership spots and some will be reducing their involvement.

It is always time for the Knights of Columbus to be looking for a few good men to take up the cause. Whether those are new men coming into the fold or some members who haven't been as actively involved getting more involved. If you are a member and haven't been attending meetings or participating in the numerous events that we participate in during the year, now is the time to give that serious consideration. We need you now more than ever. We need people to step up into leadership roles on the Council and we certainly need people to get involved in making the things we do even better.

We have some very big events coming up that we need immediate help. Our annual golf outing is on June 10 and we need golfers and we need sponsors and we are also embarking on celebrating our 60th anniversary as a council and we need people to help out with planning and running these events.

I spent nearly a decade involved with youth sports, including four years as president of a local Little League, and became involved with the Knights of Columbus and this council after my run there was complete. It was great being part of a group that was dedicated in making a difference in the lives of children. But this calling has been even more fulfilling as I have a greater awareness that I am trying to do Christ's work through the Knights of Columbus. I pray that He calls some of you reading this to become more involved in some way.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Jones, Deputy Grand Knight



WE WANT YOU!

2016 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Save the date!



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AND HELP SUPPORT ALL THE GREAT WORK WE DO THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

Our annual golf outing helps fund the many charity events we do throughout the year such as the Christmas Gift Baskets, The Seniors Dinner, The Veterans Home Projects, the Bucks County Women's Center work and much more. To find out more about this year's golf outing click here.

<http://www.kofc4215.com/2016%20Golf%20Outing%20Info.pdf>





ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GOLF OUTING

BENSALEM COUNTRY CLUB
BENSALEM, PA

DATE: FRIDAY, June 10, 2016

TIME: **CHECK IN:** 9:00 AM
TEE-OFF: 10:00 AM SHOT GUN START
Dinner will follow in "The Nest" (upstairs at the Knights of Columbus,
Levittown)

FORMAT: SCRAMBLE

PRICE: \$120.00

***PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR FORESOME BELOW. IF SINGLE PLAYER, YOU WILL BE
PAIRED UP WITH OTHERS.***

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Enjoy an Evening Out and Help The Council Celebrate Our Rich History Serving the Local Community, and Our Churches for Sixty Years. The Night Will Feature Great Food, Drink, & Dancing.

The event is no cost to members and family



Pro Life Report

Tom McLaughlin

Some Thoughts:

- Texas law for 20 week cut off is in court. The baby feels pain at this time of development in the womb.
- The death of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia is a traumatic loss to our Constitution protection and Pro-life laws.
- The will of the people in the next president term of office for a replacement in the Supreme Court.
- Obamacare doctors are trained to curtail life not extend it. Yes, the bottom line in health care.

- Religious freedom is here to defend our inalienable rights. Divine Providence is with us.
- The Knights of Columbus organization will defend our church, family and country.
- Yes, we are vocal. We are not a part of the Crusades of ancient times.

We are the force for the surge of truth. **LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION.** Viva Christo Rey!



Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

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Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman

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