



The Vessel



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Outgoing Grand Knight Message

PGK Alan Wersler

Worthy Brothers,

Wow, it's true the older you get the faster time goes by. I want to thank you all for allowing me to represent this great council for the last 2 years it was an absolute pleasure. I would also like to thank all the PGK's for their advice and words of encouragement and to the council officers for all their hard work in helping to make the GK's job a little easier and to their wives and families for allowing them to take time away from them to help and make SJW council 4215 the best it can be. The future looks bright and along with some hard work, SJW council will be just fine and will always set the bar high. But the only way for that to happen is by participation by you our trusted members. If you haven't been around for a bit, please plan on attending a meeting or 2 throughout the year or by participating in a fund raiser. There is always something going on; you can stay up to date by visiting our website at www.kofc4215.com for the calendar of events.

As always please keep all of our clergy, military and first responders, our sick and distressed members and all of our departed brothers in your daily prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

Alan Wersler, PGK

Grand Knight's Message

Furman Miles

Worthy Brothers,

Greetings brother knights, families, and friends in the community. I'm honored and humbled to be elected as your Grand Knight this year to our distinguished council SJW 4215. I promise all members and families of the council I'll do my best to represent SJW in the best light. There is a tremendous legacy to live up to. I would like to congratulate all the other officers and board members elected in the Council and Home. I'm looking forward to working with everyone continuing the great work we do.

It's hard to imagine looking back over the past few years how much the council along with our partners in the community has accomplished. We provided 144 coats for kids, hundreds of Christmas meals and gifts to struggling local families, rose enough funding to purchase an ultrasound machine for a local women's center-which supports several hundred women a year. We served countless seniors thanksgiving meals, along with recently procured and delivered a pavilion that is used by veterans at the Lower South Hampton Home. We continue to support all our parishes at fundraisers, fairs, picnics, work projects, keep Christ in Christmas campaigns and many other activities. We're ever present in the community with parades, the Blue Mass, blood drives, and many other charity projects. All members should be proud to call themselves card carriers of St. Joseph the Worker 4215.

It's great to celebrate all that we have done, however there is still much to do going forward. We need more members to get involved. There are several vacancies within the event chairs. We currently have officers chairing three, four even, five events a year. We can be more effective if we can distribute the responsibilities to other members. Please consider attending the council meetings the first Tuesday evening of the month to see how you can get involved supporting the council. I assure you it will be a good use of your time.

Membership needs to be a focus. Membership is the key driver to the success of our council. It allows us to continue doing

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In Memoriam

Sir Knight James E. Wisler
Life Member
1925 – 2014

Sir Knight John R. Petras
Life Member
1937 – 2014

Brother Raymond G Branigan
Life Member
1928 – 2014

Sir Knight Louis A Barrot
Council Lecturer
Regular Member
1942 – 2014

Brother Leonard A. Michalik
Life Member
1925 – 2014

Brother Robert A. Wagner
Life Member
1926 – 2014

Brother Raymond P. Mongillo
Life Member
1932 – 2014

*May their souls and all the souls of our faithfully
departed brother's rest in peace.*

Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2014 - 2015

Grand Knight: Furman Miles
Chaplain: Father Edward Kelty
Financial Secretary: Jim Price, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight: Chuck Moser
Chancellor: Terry Hughes
Recorder: Mark Take
Treasurer: Ed Patton
Advocate: Ken Harkanson, PGK
Warden: Tom Hadzick
Inside Guard: Steve Hasson
Outside Guard: Dan Tisak, Joe Jones
One Year Trustee: Tom Gallagher, PGK, FDD
Two Year Trustee: Gordon Cumberland
Three Year Trustee: John Stancker, PGK, FDD

Home Association Message

The annual meeting was held on June 12, 2014 at the Council Home and elections were held. The results of those elections were as follows:

3 Year Board position:

- Alan Wersler, PGK
- Ken Harkanson, PGK
- Jim Price, PGK
- Vince Haggerty, PGK

2 Year Board position:

- Steve Babst

1 Year Board position

- Pete Williams

Once elections were complete, the following persons were elected to their new positions on the board:

- President: Alan Wersler, PGK
- Vice President: Gordon Cumberland
- Secretary: Steve Babst
- Treasurer: Pete Williams

Please note that we have open positions for a 3 year trustee that was not voted on during the annual meeting. There are currently no nominations for that position.

There is also a recently vacated position on the Board of Directors. This seat is a two year position. Per home bylaws, it will be filled for the rest of the fraternal year and then have to be re-voted on by the general membership at the annual meeting in June of 2015. Currently there are two nominations:

- Ed Patton
- Steve Hasson

It is expected that both of these positions will be filled during the next home meeting. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact the Alan Wersler for more information.

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

Please come out and support the home and try some of Curly's fantastic cooking. Come see some of the new things going on at the
YOUR Home!

Alhambra Al Fath #126

At this time the Alhambra's Al Fath #126 of the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Fundraiser to benefit "God's Special Children. This event will be held at a new Four Star Hotel, the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading Pa, November 28, 29, & 30. An enclosed parking garage is available.

It would please us very much if you would, join us for this weekend and participate in our FUN raising activities, such as:

- Congregating with old friends and meet new ones
- The famous Reading Outlet for early Christmas shopping. A shuttle will be provided for your convenience.
- Beautiful newly renovated rooms to lay your head at days end
- Dinner both nights included in the one fee for the weekend
- Dancing two nights to the music of our own DJ, Mike Powers
- Open Bar to all also included
- Pick your Camel and join in the Camel races
- Try your luck at the Chinese Auction and other Great Prizes

We hope this advance notice will help you to develop plans to attend this event in November at our new location as we will be looking forward to seeing you at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, Reading, PA. BRING A FRIEND. For further information please contact 215-666-2009 and leave a message they will get back to you.

Come Play Bingo

At the Knights of Columbus, St Joseph the Worker Senior Citizens, Second Floor. Meetings are on Thursday, starting 10 A.M at the Nest. Annual dues \$10 and weekly admission is \$1.00. Admission fee includes coffee, tea, soda, water with a pastry or bagel, jelly and cream cheese, each week you participate.

Bingo is 15 cents per card, winner takes all per game. Card games are also a part of our day. The 3rd Thursday is a monthly lunch. The food is prepared by Curly's Creations.

Come join us for a FUN day and meet new friends. For further info please contact Eileen at 215-945-8453 or Gordon at 215-584-7326.

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all the great work listed above. I'm requesting that all members reach out to at least one friend, relative or any person who they think would benefit from becoming a Knight; ask them to join. We can do more with improved membership. Reach out to our Financial Secretary Jim Price for form 100's. There is no reason that if we all work together we cannot grow our council 100 members a year.

Over the past year we've experienced two of our parishes merge with two of our others. It's important the council continues to support those churches with our prayers, involvement, and encouragement. It's critical we stay close to all our churches and help the new parish communities however we can.

Lastly I would like to mention our Home. Over the years I have visited several other councils. I've come to realize that our Council Home is like no other. It truly makes us unique as a council. We ALL need to support the Home through our patronage, promotion, involvement in work parties, fundraisers, sharing ideas/information on improvement, and by continuing to work together. Reach out to PGK Alan Wersler to see how you can get involved. If you haven't been by in a while stop up for a cold beer, delicious food, and to say hello. We would very much like to see you again.

God Bless,



Furman Miles GK
SJW 4215

Addition: Since the next version of the vessel will not be out until October, please submit all nominations to me for Knight of the Year before October 1st, 2014.

Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Albert Bonczyk
David O'Callahan
Frank O'Malley
Frank Orlando
Mrs. Delores Fidishun
Tony Tenaglia
Tom Gallagher, PGK, FDD
Dorothy Callahan
Bill Anderson





District News and Events

So far it has been a pretty busy summer in our District. We hosted the Icon of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception from the middle of May to the beginning of June. In that time the Icon was displayed at six of our parish churches!

On June 22nd we had our bus trip to New Haven, CT accompanied by Bishop Fitzgerald who celebrated Mass for us at Saint Mary's Church. We also had several District Deputies, Former District Deputies, Grand Knights and Past Grand Knights and their families with us. We were lucky enough to have most of our Councils represented on the trip too.

On Friday, July 11th Father Gallagher Council in Morrisville will be having their annual Trenton Thunder Outing, if anyone is interested in attending please let me know. Also on the weekend of July 11th I will be attending the District Deputy Seminar in State College and should be bringing back plenty of information to pass on to the Grand Knights. I do want to congratulate the new Grand Knights and thank them for taking this most important position.

A few Past Grand Knights from our District recently met and developed a training session, so we will be having a Grand Knight Training night in the near future. I expect the Installations for our new officers will be completed by the end of the summer. I look forward to the installations since they are one of the real enjoyable events for a District Deputy. We are going to have a wine tasting at Sandcastle Winery in Point Pleasant, PA sometime in September that should be a lot of fun. The wine tasting is being arranged by our District Warden, Eric Miller.

In closing I do want to thank everyone in the District for their support throughout this past year. I look forward to the coming year and plan on attending as many meetings and events of the councils that I can.

Ken Harkanson, PGK – District Deputy – District 16



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

7/1/2014	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM – Council Chambers
7/8/2014	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
7/15/2014	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
7/29/2014	Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
7/30/2014	1 st Degree – 7:30 PM – Council Chambers

August

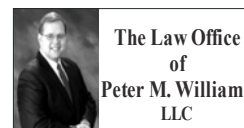
8/5/2014	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM
8/12/2014	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
8/19/2014	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
8/26/2014	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

September

9/2/2014	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM
9/7/2014	Installation of Officers – Our Lady of Grace Parish 11:45 AM
9/9/2014	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
9/15/2014	Vessel Submission Deadline
9/16/2014	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
9/30/2014	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

Please try to make some of these meetings. Take an active part in your council!

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Annual Blue Mass

On April 25th St. Joseph the Worker Council in a joint effort with St. Michael the Arch Angel and Pope Pius Councils organized a Mass and Dinner honoring our local first responders in the community. The location of this year's celebration was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Croydon Pa. There were several Pastors from other churches, many first responders and political representatives in attendance. A big thanks to Terrence Hughes for organizing this memorable event.



2014 Horseshoes for Hunger

A big thanks to all the participants, volunteers, and sponsors for making this year's Horseshoes for Hunger Tournament a huge success. The Council held the tournament on May 17th. The weather was picture perfect; there were 48 participants and several spectators who came to take in this day of fun. The council was able to raise close to \$2,000.00 for the Christmas gift baskets which help local distressed families around the holidays. Congratulations to this year's winners Robert Sartsky Jr. and Gary Nagle who went through the tournament undefeated. Marty Miller won closest to the pin with a shot of 1'4" from the pin. Dennis Liotta won the archery competition. All who came out were winners though because they had a day of fun and participated in something that helps others! DGK Furman Miles.



Our Lady of Grace Movie Night

Members of the Council helped at Our Lady of Grace Movie Night. Several guys cooked hamburgers and hot dogs, served popcorn, candy, made cotton candy for the many movie goers. The proceeds of all the sales went to help the OLG Youth group make the summer camp trip to Steubenville Oh.



Work Party

Members of the Council rolled up their sleeves and got to work Saturday June 7th at The Queen of the Universe Parish Service Center. The Church was creating more usable space to help support the merging with Immaculate Conception. The Knights of SJW 4215 were glad to help support in this beneficial project for the growing parish.



Pro Life Report

Tom McLaughlin

Abortion mills are closing in the USA. Abortions are down but chemical abortions are on the rise. The use of RU-486 as means for abortion. Abortionists are getting older as mid wives are training to abort children.

A film "Oblivious Child" is the new abortion comedy filmed in Rochelle N.Y. It is a feminist's delight. Guilt: what for? No response from the dead child! An employee aborts her child for YouTube and she expresses a delightful experience. A human life dead and the spirit sent back into the Cosmos. No one seems to care.

The word "God" is excluded from the culture of death religion, thus good vs evil. The compliance to their belief or the federal law of Washington. First Amendment rights! My God is father in heaven. Our church will never comply with the HHS mandate. **OUR ROSARY WILL BE OUR STRENGTH.** Please continue to support the Legacy for Life bottle drive in your parishes; it is a great success for LIFE.



Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

HELP PRO LIFE SUCCEED!

Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman

The Vessel is now being printed on a quarterly basis. Your next vessel will be sent to you early in October. Until then, please continue to check our website at www.kofc4215.com for any information.

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