



# The Vessel



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## Worthy Chaplain's Message

*Father Edward Kelty*

*The Influence of Mary from heaven*

WHO can put MARY'S high honor into words? She is both Mother and Virgin. We are overwhelmed by the wonder of this miracle. One could not be prevented from living in the house he had built for himself, yet who would invite mockery by inviting his own servant to become his mother?

WE salute you, for in your holy womb HE, who is beyond all limitation, was confined. Because of you the Holy Trinity is glorified and adored, the cross is called precious and is venerated throughout the world, the heavens exult, the angels and archangels make merry, demons are put to flight, the devil, that tempter, is thrust down from heaven, the fallen race of man is taken up on high, all creatures possessed of madness and idolatry have attained knowledge of the truth, believers receive holy baptism, the Catholic CHURCH is established throughout the world, pagans and muslims are brought to repentance.

The BVM has the power to exert Her influence because She is the MOTHER OF GOD, MOTHER OF SAVIOUR, MOTHER OF HIGH PRIEST OF NEW LAW, UNIVERSAL MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES. She also has the desire to use this power because he is supremely

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## Grand Knight's Message

*Alan Wersler*

Worthy Brothers,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer and you were able to enjoy some quality time with your friends and families. Now it's time to get back to focusing on our fundraisers that helps us to do all the charitable causes that our council does throughout the year. Again this year along with the A.O.H. div 5 we will be having our annual golf outing which will be held Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> at Bensalem C.C. , we did very well last year and are looking to fill the course, so please get your registrations in. We are also looking for hole sponsorships for \$100 that will get you a sign of your company name or in memory of a loved one who passed away , placed on the tee areas throughout the course. Then afterwards we will be heading back to The Crows' Nest for a spectacular buffet prepared by Curly.

We will be doing a coat drive this year, we purchase New coats and then deliver them to the needy in our area. The cost is \$225 per box and each box has 12 coats all assorted sizes. Anyone interested in helping please contact Terry Hughes. What a great way to help out the community.

On Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> the SJW Home Assoc. will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Fest , there will be plenty of Food and Drink and Live entertainment. You never know who you will run into so come on out and help to support our home.

In order to find out more of what's going on please come out to our monthly meetings and get involved, pick something that you would like to help with and do it, there is nothing more gratifying than helping someone out. You never know but someday we could be that person in need.

As always please keep in your daily prayers our clergy, our armed forces, first responders, and our elected officials that they remain safe and for our sick and deceased members that they may find healing and comfort from our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus!!

*Alan J Wersler, Grand Knight*

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kind, benevolent, loving. She puts her desire into effect once we ask HER to be MOTHER. Especially the BVM par excellence shows, teaches Devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Mary, an outstanding example (model) of devotion to EUCHARIST shows that XT is the principle priest @ Mass, that only a minister of Xt is the priest and shows the real presence of Xt on the altar, makes us see the MASS and it's effects on the souls in Purgatory, and on earth. BVM offers Herself to and with XT's offering, As Universal Mediatrix, Co-redemptrix for the CHURCH, BVM too, offers humble adoration to God, the BVM's sincere and universal thanksgiving, the BVM's valuable and efficacious reparation, and the BVM's intercession for salvation soul's is immense. At Holy Communion she helps us make a fervent fruitful holy communion and gives us daily a greater increase in Charity and the Infused Virtues and the Gifts of HER SPOUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT..

The preminence of BVM's dignity as the Mother of GOD, has given us XT, (womb of BVM) in His humanity. As co-redemptrix with XT She offered HIS sacrifice to THE Father on Good Friday. HER Divine MTHD surpasses the order of nature, the order of grace. Her Immaculate Conception Dogma clearly shows, "(Ineffabilis Deus) From the beginning and before all ages,... God ... prepared for his only-begotten Son the mother from whom he would receive his body ... His love for her so exceeded his love for all creatures ... (God's choice of her was made) in one and the same decree as the Incarnation of the divine Wisdom" The BVM's special prayers obtains for us the understanding of the Sacrifice of the Mass, the value of Xt's blood, eternal happiness of souls, and wretchedness of eternal damnation.

OUR LADY of AMERICA makes us a pure nation, under GOD, temples of the HOLY SPIRIT, immigrants from Ireland, Europe, Africa, Asia, white, black, yellow, indivisible one heavenly bound-nation.



### SJW Home Association

- Sept 6- Nannydust
- Sept 7- Stop Hunger Now Fundraiser.
- Self 14th- DJ Jimmie K
- Sept 20- Nannydust
- October 4- Nannydust
- October 5- 2nd Annual Fall Fest.
- Oct 18- Nannydust
- Oct 25- Daisy Jug Band

*Denny Eisenbrey, Home President*

### In Memoriam

Sir Knight William H Loftus  
Life Member  
1925 – 2013

Sir Knight Louis W. Renzulli  
Life Member  
1921 – 2013

Brother John W. Cosgrove  
Honorary Life Member  
1945 – 2013

Brother Daniel P. Sutter  
1950 – 2013

Sir Knight John E. Rocque  
1936 – 2013

Sir Knight John N. Cippolone  
Life Member  
1929 – 2013

### Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2013-2014

- Grand Knight: Alan Wersler
- Financial Secretary: Jim Price, PGK
- Deputy Grand Knight: Furman Miles
- Chancellor: Terry Hughes
- Recorder: Steve Babst
- Treasurer: Ed Patton
- Advocate: Ken Harkanson, PGK
- Warden: Chuck Moser
- 3 year Trustee: Gordon Cumberland
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## Alhambra Al Fath #126

We are writing to you at this time about the Alhambra's Al Fath #126 annual Fundraiser to benefit "God's Special Children. This event will be held at the Grand Hotel, Cape May N.J., November 29, 30, & December 1<sup>st</sup>.

You and your group in the past have always added to our fun and festivities. It would please us very much if you would, once again, join us for this weekend to participate in our FUN raising activities, such as:

- Congregating with old friends and meet new ones
- Pick your Camel and join in the Camel races
- Try your luck at the Chinese Auction and other Great Prizes
- Dancing two nights to the music of our own DJ, Mike Powers
- Dinner both nights included in the one fee for the weekend
- Open Bar to all also included

We hope this advance notice will help you to develop plans to attend this event in November as we will be looking forward to seeing in Cape May. For further information please contact the Grand Commander, 215-666-2009 and leave a message I will get back to you.

*George Brennan, Grand Commander, Al Fath #126*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

9/10/2013	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
9/17/2013	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
9/20/2013	Golf Outing – Bensalem CC – 9:00 AM
9/24/2013	Officers Meeting at 7:00 PM - Charter Room

### October

10/1/2013	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM - Council Chambers
10/3/2013	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree at 7:30 PM – Council Chambers
10/8/2013	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
10/15/2013	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
10/29/2013	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room
11/6/2013	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM - Council Chambers

PLEASE MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO COME OUT TO THESE MEETINGS/EVENTS.

## Council Degree Team

The ceremonial chairman, Rob Young and Kenneth Harkanson PGK are attempting to form a Council Degree Team. What we need are members for a First and Second Degree Team. These members can choose to be part of either the First or the Second Degree or if you wish you can choose a part for both degrees. These volunteers will need to learn the lines for the speaking parts of the degrees. We have copies of the degrees and plan to have practice sessions to make sure everyone is comfortable with their parts. If you have any interest in joining the Council Degree Team please call Kenneth Harkanson PGK at 215 943 9760 or email [lindakent@verizon.net](mailto:lindakent@verizon.net).

## SJW Ladies Auxiliary

The council has recently started its Ladies Auxiliary again and they are up and running. Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Ladies Auxiliary, please contact Maureen Gonzalez at [MA4all@verizon.net](mailto:MA4all@verizon.net) or Gina Price at [RTPrice5@verizon.net](mailto:RTPrice5@verizon.net).



## SJW Seniors

### COME PLAY BINGO

At the Knights of Columbus, St Joseph the Worker Council Senior Citizens, Second Floor.

Woodbourne Road, Levittown Pa

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



# LIFE INSURANCE

## AWARENESS MONTH

Life insurance can do some pretty amazing things for people. It can buy loved ones time to grieve. It can pay off debts and loans, providing surviving family members with the chance to move on with a clean slate. It can keep families in their homes and pre-fund a child's college education. It can keep a family business in the family. It can provide a stream of income for a family to live on for a period of time. Life insurance can do all of these wonderful things for your family...there's just one small catch. You need to own life insurance.

What if you were suddenly gone and your family had to manage on their own? When was the last time you did the math to make sure your loved ones would be OK financially? Have you checked with your employer to find out what kind of life insurance benefit you have through work and whether you have the option to increase your coverage? When was the last time you had your life insurance needs reviewed by an insurance professional?

To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

**Fact 1:** Nearly 75 percent of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

**Fact 2:** Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

**Fact 3:** Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

**Fact 4:** One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

**Fact 5:** People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy,

and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to spend a few minutes of your time to meet with you in your home. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. If you find that you have a need for coverage, as a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision. Your family's financial future is too important to leave to chance.

Call me – let's talk.

~Mark Pennington  
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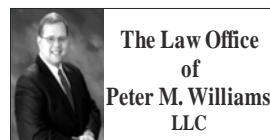
## An Important Message from the Financial Secretary

The first billing notice was sent in late June for the 2013 – 2014 Fraternal year. To date, approximately 200 member have yet to pay their dues. As of September 1, 2013, any member who has not paid dues is considered to not be in good standing and may not attend council and/or home association meetings. It is imperative that those members who have not paid remit their payment to me ASAP.

Members should also note that it is their responsibility to notify the council if they move to a new address. The council is not responsible for tracking members. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Jim Price, PGK – Financial Secretary*

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## The Knights come together to help at St Charles Borromeo Seminary

Members of SJW 4215 joined several other area councils in the Dioceses for a painting project at St Charles Seminary recently.



## Our Lady of Grace Youth Group invited SJW 4215 to their sponsorship picnic

Our Lady of Grace Youth Group hosted a picnic on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the parish service center in Pennel to thank the sponsors that helped with their trip to Steubenville in June. SJW 4215 was happy to be invited and is grateful for our continued partnership with OLG Youth Group Ministry.





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# FLEA MARKET

TO BENEFIT THE LADIES OF THE  
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#4217

DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2013  
(Rain date is 10/27/13)

TIME: 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
(Set up 7:00 a.m.)

COST: \$15.00 per table  
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## Pro Life Report

Planned Parenthood is the largest single provider of abortions in the U.S. In 2009, Planned Parenthood performed 332,278 abortions (for comparison, 1.21 million abortions were performed in the US in 2008), from which it derives about \$164,154,000, or 15% of its annual revenue as of their 2008-2009 calculations. Planned Parenthood asserts that federal money received by Planned Parenthood is not used to fund abortion services, but pro-life activists have argued that the funding frees up other resources which are, in turn, used to provide abortions.

Contact your local congressional representative and tell him you oppose federal funding for Planned Parenthood!



**Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney**

**HELP PRO LIFE SUCCEED!**

*Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman*

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## Important Notice about Vessel

The officers of the council recently discussed, and approved, a move that will hopefully lessen the cost of publishing and mailing the Vessel. Effective with the Vessel issue released for Jan-Feb, 2014, you will only receive the Vessel if you request that it be mailed to you. If you do not request that the Vessel be mailed to you via USPS, you will need to either access it online at our website ([www.kofc4215.com](http://www.kofc4215.com)) or via Email. An article in a future issue of the Vessel will address how to continue to have the vessel sent to you via US Mail. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you will be accessing the Vessel via our website.

Hopefully this decision will allow for us to allot some of the money we use to print and distribute the Vessel to other areas that we need additional funds.

*Editor, PGK Jim Price*

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