



The Vessel



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Worthy Chaplain's Message

Father Edward Kelty

Father Kelty could not provide an article this month. He did however provide us with prayer cards with a picture of the altar he serves mass at in Rome. Below the inscription is part of what was on the reverse side of the card:



Sacerdos Edward Joseph Francis Kelty

Vicesimus quintus anno ardinacionis Sacerdotalis et ministerii Ecclesiae

Translation:

Twenty Fifth year of Ordination May 28, 1989 – 1914

Grand Knight's Message

Alan Wersler

Worthy Brothers,

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas with your family and loved ones and that the Christ Child has rekindled our faith in God. What an amazing last couple of months it's been with our giving back to the community from COAL, our senior Thanksgiving dinner, Coats for Kids, Adopt-a-Family and the Food Baskets. It is so sad to see people in such need but gratifying knowing that we made a difference in their lives for the time being. A job well done by all Program Directors for the attention to detail, Thanks to the Home Association for their support and to all the men and women who helped in any way to make SJW 4215 a major force in our community!!

In 2014 we will be going down uncharted waters with our parish mergers upcoming and what our future holds, there are many questions and in the next few months we will find out. Whatever lies ahead we will abide by our pastors decisions. I ask everyone to try and attend our monthly meetings to stay informed and to voice your concerns. We also need support with our Home Association, there are open positions on the Board of Directors that need to be filled and support for the events that they do. There was a very successful fundraiser held recently that was Coach-Bag Bingo and that helped to defer the cost of the charitable events that were held this past year and they are working for another one coming up in the spring. Please check our website for all upcoming events that will be held at The Crows' Nest at www.KofC4215.com. And if you are in need of a night out why not stop and see what's going on, you never know who your may run into.

Please pray for our clergy, military, first responders, sick and distressed and deceased brothers that the Holy Spirit may guide, protect and comfort them in this coming year. I am looking forward to making 2014 a great year.

Happy and Healthy New Year! Vivat Jesus!!

Alan J Wersler, Grand Knight

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER KELTY ON 25 YEARS OF BEING A PRIEST!

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In Memoriam

Sir Knight Alvin A. Buben
Life Member
1924 – 2013

Brother Gary G. Falkevitz
Regular Member
1952 – 2013

Brother Richard W. Frazer
Life Member
1926 – 2013

Brother Louis F. Staffieri
Life Member
1924 – 2014



*May their souls rest in peace and we thank
them for their service to our order!*

Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2013-2014

Grand Knight: Alan Wersler
Chaplain: Father Edward Kelty
Financial Secretary: Jim Price, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight: Furman Miles
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District News and Events

We have been talking about getting a trip to New Haven together for the District for the past several months. So far there is some interest from the Councils in the District and I have invited the other neighboring Districts in hopes of filling the bus with at least 40 people. The cost will be \$50 per person which will include the transportation on the luxury bus, snacks on the way to New Haven and beer and soda and snacks on the return trip. We are looking at the following dates, March 22nd or 23rd or April 5th or April 12th or 13th. If anyone is interested please let me know as soon as you can 215 943 9760 or lindkenth@verizon.net.

By now we have already had the Free Throw Contests for the Councils and the District. I want to thank all the Chairmen from the Councils and all the volunteers who helped put the contests together. We will let you know all the winners in the next newsletter.

In the middle of May we will have the Icon of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in our District. Each council will have it for a few days to display at their church or churches. All the Grand Knights have been sent a picture of the Icon and I will try to get it on any Council websites that are available.

In closing I want to thank all the Grand Knights and the councils in the District for their continued support.

Vivat Jesus!

Kenneth W Harkanson, District Deputy, District #16



Alhambra Al Fath #126

The Alhambra Al Fath 126 will be holding the 4th annual Valentine Day Charity Ball to benefit "God's Special Children"

Saturday February 15, 2014
7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Donation: \$65 per couple or \$35 per person
Cash Bar - Buffet Dinner

Place: Knights of Columbus - Upstairs at the Nest
DJ - Mike Powers

For more information or tickets contact:
Gordon Cumberland 215-584-7326

and

St Joseph the Worker Senior Citizens meets each Thursday for cards and bingo at the St Joseph the Worker Council Bldg upstairs in the Nest on Woodbourne Road Levittown Pa on Thursdays at 10:00 A.M. Come join us at the "Laughing Place". Annual dues is \$10. Monthly meeting is on the 2nd Thursday followed by our monthly luncheon the 3 Thursday. We do ask, if possible that you contribute a usable item for the "Used Treasures" table, each week. Look forward to meeting you. For further information please contact either Eileen at 215-945-8453 or Gordon at 215-584-7326.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

1/7/2014	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM - Charter Room
1/14/2014	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
1/28/2014	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
1/28/2014	Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
1/30/2014	3 rd Degree – 7:30 PM in Council Home

February

2/2/2014	Free Throw Tournament – 12:00 PM – St Frances Cabrini Parish
2/4/2014	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM
2/11/2014	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
2/18/2014	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
2/25/2014	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

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.

SJW Ladies Auxiliary

The St Joseph the Worker Council 4215 ladies auxiliary is being reorganized as a Support group to our Knights. We are requesting that all the wives, widows, mothers, and daughters of knights support this group and attend our meeting, to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 upstairs in the Nest at 10:00 A.M. All ideas and thoughts to make this organization successful will be welcome. Knights please encourage your love ones to attend this meeting and help support all your charitable projects. Any questions please contact L. Harkinson 267-475-3989 or B. Cumberland 267-994-8375.



Important Notice about Vessel

At a recent council meeting it was discussed, and approved, a move that will hopefully lessen the cost of publishing and mailing the Vessel. Effective with this Vessel issue, 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 access it online at our website (www.kofc4215.com).

Right now I have about 30 people that have requested the Vessel via US Mail. 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

Coats for Kids

As reported in the last issue of the vessel, with many families with young children continuing to struggle in these challenging economic times, there has never been a better time for Knights of Columbus councils to help by providing warm winter coats to children in their communities through the Order's Coats for Kids program.

During the 2012/13 winter season, 918 Knights of Columbus councils purchased and distributed 42,516 coats. This is a significant increase over the 2011/12 number of 31,528 coats purchased and distributed. Since 2009, the Knights of Columbus has distributed more than 115,000 coats to kids throughout the United States and Canada.

Chancellor Terry Hughes spearheaded our council's efforts to assist the Knight of Columbus with this endeavor. It is the first time that our council has participated in this program and Terry, along with his wife Liz, have collected enough donations to supply 144 needy children with coats! During this past season, our council was able to distribute **91** coats for children around our area. A big thanks to Terry and Liz for their efforts in ensuring our success with this program!

Jim Price, PGK



SJW Home Association

The Home Association would like to thank all those who participated in The "Coach Bag Bingo". Special thanks goes to Bartender's Dawn and Gina for their leadership in making this event such a success.

We would like you to participate in other night events at the Nest. Come up and visit us on Friday or Saturday nights. The schedule for January is as follows:

Friday January 10th - Nanny Dust 7 P.M. to 11:00P.M.
Saturday January 11th - DJ Tom Seeger 8 – 12 P.M.
Friday January 17th - Open Juke Box
Saturday January 18th - DJ Jimmy K 7P.M. to 1:00P.M.
Friday January 24th - Nanny Dust 7P.M. to 11:00P.M.
Saturday January 25th - Open Juke Box
Friday January 31st - Karaoke by DJ Sam

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 75 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

Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Albert Bonczyk
David O'Callahan
Frank O'Malley
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Pics of Various Activity



The annual Children's Christmas Party was held at the Council Home. Thanks to Deb Miles and Gina Price for their effort in putting this event together for the children! Also a special thanks to Santa and his little helper for taking time out of their busy schedule to stop and see us!



The Keep Christ in Christmas Signs went up and down again this year without a hitch! Thanks to all that helped.



The Senior's Thanksgiving Day Dinner was a huge success again this year. Thanks to PGK Vince Haggerty for coordinating and thanks to all who volunteered to make this a success!



The Annual Christmas Basket Giveaway was a huge success again this year! Over 100 families served!

Pro Life Report

On the 41st anniversary of legalized abortion throughout the U.S., pro-life lawmakers from both political parties voiced hope about the future of the pro-life movement. "I've been in the pro-life movement since 1972," Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) told CNA, and "I've never been more hopeful." Smith, who is both co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus and chair of a House subcommittee on international human rights, characterized the pro-life movement as a "human rights struggle based on faith and compassion." "This is an injustice that will not stand the test of time," he said. Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), who has worked in Congress to promote the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, agreed. "How can you not be hopeful when you see families from all around the country making the sacrifice to come to Washington to support the rights of unborn children?" she said, referencing the annual March for Life. Held every year on or near the Jan. 22 anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that mandated legalized abortion throughout the U.S., the March for Life routinely draws massive crowds consisting primarily of young people from around the nation. An estimated 650,000 people attended the 2013 March for Life.

Too often, Americans seem to regard the pro-life movement an antiquated pursuit mired in the past," she said, explaining that the march "gathers young people from around the nation to a central place where they can discuss the moral implications of the matter at hand and feel confident they are not alone in their beliefs." Rep. Dan Lipinski (D.-Ill.) co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, told CNA that the annual march shows "that we're not just anti-abortion - we are pro-life" and that pro-life advocates "want to support life in every way possible." The congressman suggested that "sometimes there's too much of a focus on changing the laws" without addressing larger cultural issues surrounding abortion. There is a need to change both culture and law, he said, adding that he is "doing all that I can" in Congress, while other efforts are being made on a cultural level. In these efforts, he explained, it is important to show the American public that "the pro-life movement is bigger than it's been before." The March for Life helps the pro-life movement "to show we are strong" in order to help change both the culture and the law. "Eventually the leaders will follow the people," he said of the movement's continued success, noting that while "federal law has gone backwards on this issue" there has been progress in promoting pro-life laws "at the state level in some states."

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