



# The Vessel



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## In Memoriam

Sir Knight Malcolm J. MacPhee - Life Member  
1925 – 2015

Sir Knight George J. Futak - Life Member  
1919 – 2015

Sir Knight Paul M. Heljenek - Life Member  
1928 – 2015

Sir Knight Frank A. Westall - Life Member  
1939 – 2015

Sir Knight Nicholas La Polla - Life Member  
1929 – 2015

Sir Knight Richard M. McFadden - Life Member  
1940 – 2015

Sir Knight Joseph C. Namura - Life Member  
1923 – 2015



## Grand Knight's Message

*Furman Miles*

Worthy Brothers,

SJW Family, and Community, I hope your summer is off to a terrific start and you have some time set aside to relax and spend valued time with your family and friends.

The Council is ready to begin another fraternal year we're looking forward to getting started continuing our great mission in the community and churches. I would like to congratulate all the newly elected officers, and thank all those officers that served in years past. We can reflect back on a very productive 2014-15 year. We raised money for the Delaware Valley Veterans Home to help with 2 gazebos and furniture for their new pantry. We had a bottle drive to help The Legacy of Life Foundation. Our Council also drew up a resolution that will be read at the floor of our Supreme Convention that will suggest all councils worldwide pray the rosary before meetings as a petition to all our brothers and sisters throughout the world being persecuted for simply practicing their Christian Faith. We hosted seniors at Thanksgiving, and helped over 120 struggling families at Christmas time with a meal, gifts, coats for kids and letting them know there are people in the community thinking of them. We are excited to get started again!

We recently held our annual golf outing at Bensalem Country Club. The event was a huge success with 92 golfers, 70 sponsors and many volunteers. It was a complete collaborative effort with many members involved as well as supporters in the community. Together we raised over a net of \$15,000.00 for our continued work in the community and our home fund. Big thanks to PGK Tom Gallagher for directing that event. His vision and strategic thinking were an essential part of the success. Thank you to all our community partner's, this is our biggest fundraiser that allows us to continue our mission throughout the year. Also to the 92 golfers! You came out, had fun, and did a lot of good for charity that day. We hope to see you back next year.

The Supreme Court recently voted in favor of same sex marriage throughout the country. I would encourage all our community to realize God's plan is universal and ever truthful

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## Chaplain's Message

*Father Edward Kelty*

Our Worthy Chaplain was here this month but did not have a chance to contribute. He has asked that the Knights continue to pray the rosary as much as possible.



### New 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  
**Chancellor:** Terry Hughes  
**Recorder:** Mark Tate  
**Treasurer:** Ed Patton  
**Advocate:** Tom Gallagher, PGK, DD  
**Warden:** Bill Chase  
**Inside Guard:** Marty Miller  
**Outside Guard:** Chika Odimara, Brian Odelli  
**One Year Trustee:** Gordon Cumberland  
**Two Year Trustee:** John Stancker, PGK, FDD  
**Three Year Trustee:** Dan Tisak  
**Delegate:** Ken Harkanson, PGK, FDD  
**Alt Delegate:** Jim Price, PGK

Congratulations to all our newly elected officers. Our installation mass will be Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Queen of the Universe Church. A cocktail reception will follow at the parish service center immediately after.

**Please continue to pray for our deceased  
brothers and their families.**



## HOME ASSOCIATION NEWS

Brothers,

Major renovations continue to be made upstairs in the council home due to water damage caused by our roof that has leaked for many years without being repaired correctly. The new roof has been completed and a new floor has been installed. We are currently in the process of attempting to get the ceiling tiles replaced. The good news is the Nest continues to be open while this renovation is taking place. Please come up and frequent the bar as much as possible.

### New Officers for the SJW Home Assn Board of Directors

**President:** Alan Wersler  
**Vice President:** Pete Williams  
**Secretary:** Ken Harkanson, PGK, FDD  
**Treasurer:** Jim Price, PGK

Our financial situation for the home association is quickly becoming desperate. I invite you to attend the next home meeting (held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the council home at 7:00 PM) to brainstorm ideas to save our home association. In the interim, we need your patronage.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Vivat Jesus,

*Alan Wersler, PGK, Home President*

**For the entertainment schedule, please visit the home association page at [www.kofc4215.com](http://www.kofc4215.com) for more details.**

### Financial Secretary Message

Billing for the new fraternal year should have reached your home of record by now. Please submit your dues immediately to avoid suspension.

Also, a note to all those members with students looking for scholarships; the council is not responsible for anything related to the PA State Scholarship Program. You must go directly to the PA State website <http://www.pakofc.us/index.php/state-programs/youth/scholarships> for information.

Fraternally,

*Jim Price, PGK – Financial Secretary*

## Respect Life Mass & Breakfast

Due to circumstances, the Respect Life Mass and Breakfast to support the Legacy of Life Foundation is being rescheduled. No future date has been given. Once the date is reset, we will let everyone know. In the interim, please continue to pray for the unborn children of this world.

Ken Harkanson, PGK – Former District Deputy – District 16

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### July

7/7/2015	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Hall
7/14/2015	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM – Council Hall
7/21/2015	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
7/28/2015	Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room

#### August

8/4/2015	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Chambers
8/9/2015	Installation mass; 5:00 PM – QU Parish
8/11/2015	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
8/18/2015	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
8/25/2015	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

#### September

9/1/2015	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM
9/8/2015	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
9/15/2015	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
9/29/2015	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

regardless of the ways of the world. The world is, and always was a crazy place, even when Jesus walked it. Jesus didn't get hung up on the wicked ways of the world but worked on changing hearts through his love. As Christians we are called to love all our brothers and sisters along with realizing our own faults and sins in our life. Let's continue to pray for our country and the church in that this decision does not affect the good work of its mission.

I ask that the council keep in their prayers our 40 passed brothers who have been called to the Lord over the past year. We will have a memorial mass in their honor this November.

Our Council had 25 new members join our order this fraternal year. We're so pleased to have so many new men as part of our great council! I'm calling out to each one of those men and our brothers who we haven't seen in a while to step up and take an active role in our work. Come to our next meeting to see how you can help. The harvest is more than plenty, but the workers our few. We're doing terrific work in our churches and community but were missing opportunities to do more because the same twelve officers are doing most of the heavy lifting.

Finally come out and support our home. There have been many renovations that have taken place over the past couple of months. Stop by and check them out, and tell your friends.

Vivat Jesus,



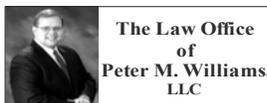
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## 2015 Middletown Township Fourth of July Parade



Thanks for all who came out to the 2015 Middletown Township Parade. It was a lot of fun interacting with the community. Congratulations to our Council for winning the float of the year award! The council officers will be presented the award at the township meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. To see all the photos of this event, Click.

<https://www.facebook.com/KoC4215/posts/979761738730309>

## Rosary Procession June 13<sup>th</sup>



The Council and friends participated in a rosary procession from the council home to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sunday morning June 13<sup>th</sup>. The participants prayed for our Christian brethren being persecuted in other parts of the world. The council also raised awareness to the resolution petitioned before our Supreme Council to have all councils pray the rosary before each scheduled business meeting. Thank you to the wonderful folks who came out to participate and to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for welcoming us into their parish. Also we're very grateful to the officers of Middletown Township for getting us down the road safely. In addition thank you to John and the late Dolores Fidishun for donating the life sized rosary to the council. To see all the photos of the event Click <https://www.facebook.com/KoC4215/posts/969756039730879>

## 2015 Golf Outing, Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> at Bensalem Country Club.



The golf outing this year was a huge success with 92 golfers, many volunteers, and perfect weather. Together along with our partner sponsors in the community we raised over \$15,000.00 net for our charity and home funds and had a lot of fun doing it. Thanks to everyone who supported this event! A big thanks to PGK Tom Gallagher for his effort in chairing this outing. To see all the fun photos hit <https://www.facebook.com/KoC4215/posts/979301822109634>





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# Pro Life Report

*Tom McLaughlin*

Abortion awards are given out in several states. The Pennsylvania governor was an escort and proud to support Planned Parenthood. Are there funding for an abortion mill near his office? He wants your daughter or any women to destroy their baby. Planned Parenthood will donate millions of dollars for his next campaign.

An unborn baby's heart begins to beat 18-21 days after fertilization. Brain waves can be detected as early as 40 days after fertilization. Since 1973, there have been more than 55 million abortions in the United States. Women have cited "social reasons," not mother's health or rape/incest, as their motivation in approximately 93% of all abortions.

A March 2013 poll by The Polling Company found that 53% of Americans oppose legal abortion except in only three or fewer circumstances: when the pregnancy results from rape or incest or when it threatens the life of the mother.

[www.defendthevatican.org](http://www.defendthevatican.org) Sign the petition to support the Holy See. -Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute



**Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney**

**HELP PRO LIFE SUCCEED!**

*Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman*

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