



The Vessel



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October - December 2016

Chaplain's Message

Father Ed Cimbala

We have a new chaplain for our council. His name is Father Ed Cimbala and he is the new pastor for Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please take a minute to pray for him in this new role. We hope to have an article from him for the next edition.

In Memoriam

Sir Knight Robert J. Almeida, Life Member
1934 – 2016

Brother John J. Coles, Life Member
1942 – 2016

Sir Knight Harry De Poy, PFN, Life Member
1926 – 2016

Brother Thomas J. Christian, Life Member
1926 – 2016

Brother Aldo J. Stagi, Life Member
1925 – 2016

Sir Knight John M. Fidishun, Regular Member
1958 – 2016

Grand Knight's Message

Joe Jones

Worthy Brothers,

It is hard to believe that I have completed my first three months as Grand Knight. It has been very exciting and it makes me proud that we have gotten off to a great start in which many of you must be given credit and thanked. Attendance at the first three council meetings were strong. We have been seeing record or near record turnouts for our Social Nights and we had two events in September that also had great participation.

We held our council picnic on Sept. 10 at St. Frances Cabrini on a very hot day and despite the heat we had a solid turnout in which we hope to build into a big-time, annual family tradition. Many people deserve thanks for making the picnic work, but I must recognize picnic chair Bob Thompson for the top-notch event he put together. Then on September 11, we commemorated 60 years of the council during Sunday Liturgy at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Father Ed Cimbala, our new chaplain, celebrated the Mass and we, again, had a solid turnout of our brothers to thank God for giving this council 60 wonderful years and hopefully many, many more.

As we move into the final quarter of the calendar year, it is also the busiest we have as far as events. In October, we will hold our annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner on Columbus Day weekend, where we recognize the recipients of the Grand Knight's Award and Knight of the Year and we, additionally, will honor Past Grand Knight Furman Miles for the excellent two years of leadership he provided. We also have the God's Special Children Beef N Beer on October 22 in the Nest. We hope many of you will attend this event as it benefits the annual God's Special Children Christmas Party in which more than 100 special needs folks and their volunteers are treated to a lunch, music and dancing with a live D.J. as well as a visit from Santa Claus and goodie bags for our special needs guests. In November, we will have our annual Memorial Mass to remember all of our deceased brothers and especially those who passed away in the last year. We will also have our annual Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner in which we host a number of residents from area nursing homes as well as our

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Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Anne Stancker

John Fidishun, PGK, PFN, FDD, FM



Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2016-2017

Grand Knight: Joe Jones

Chaplain: Father Cimbala

Financial Secretary: Jim Price, PGK, DW

Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Tisak

Chancellor: Terry Hughes

Recorder: Mark Tate

Treasurer: Ed Patton

Advocate: Tom Gallagher, PGK, DD

Warden: Bill Chase

Inside Guard: Marty Miller

Outside Guard: John Merrick, John Harrigan

One Year Trustee: Furman Miles, PGK

Two Year Trustee: John Stancker, PGK, FDD

Three Year Trustee: Charles Shaw

Delegate: John Fidishun, PGK, FDD, FM

Alt Delegate: Jim Price, PGK, DW

Officers for the SJW Home Assn Board of Directors

President: George Dranginis

Vice President: Hazelett Gallagher

Secretary: OPEN

Treasurer: Carl Salega

The home association continues to struggle with its finances.
Please try to frequent the home whenever you can.



COAL Tickets

COAL tickets have been delivered. Please be as generous as you can. This helps support many of the K of C state programs. Any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Ed Patton

COAL Chairman

Coats for Kids Program

The annual Coats for Kids program is up and running again. If you are aware of a child that could use a coat, please contact Chancellor Terry Hughes or any council officer.



Financial Secretary Message

The 2nd billing for the new fraternal year should have reached your home of record by now if you have not paid. 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 for information.

Jim Price, PGK – Financial Secretary



TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Happy
Thanksgiving



**Take time to enjoy the holiday
season with your families!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2016

10/4/2016	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Hall
10/18/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
10/27/2016	1 st Degree – 7:30 PM – Council Hall
10/18/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
7/26/2016	Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room

November 2016

11/1/2016	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room
11/1/2016	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Chambers
11/15/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
11/20/2016	Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner – 10:00 AM
11/26/2016	Keep Christ in Christmas Signs – 9:00 AM

December 2016

12/6/2016	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room
12/6/2016	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Chambers
12/10/2016	Kids Christmas Party – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
12/17/2016	Christmas Basket Delivery – 7:00 AM
12/18/2016	Members Christmas Party – 6:00 – 10:00 PM
12/20/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest



Grand Knight's Message

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own brothers and spouses who are now senior citizens. This is held the Sunday before Thanksgiving and Mark Cordero, who provides the council with many of the great photos of our events during the year, took over this event last year, did a magnificent job with the help of others and we hope for that to be the case for years to come. And, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, members will be out at our local parishes as well as in front of our Home to let everyone in the area know the true meaning of the holiday season by putting up our "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs.

Then we round things out in December with the God's Special Children Christmas Party, our annual Kid's Christmas party for children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of our brothers and their families, where we serve some pizza, provide some crafts for the young ones and, of course, a visit by Santa Claus. The biggest community project we run takes place in December as well. That is our Christmas gift baskets and Adopt A Family deliveries. We give approximately 100 area families a turkey and all the trimmings and we also adopt about 20 families so that their children will have something under their Christmas tree. We get started on Friday December 16 and then make the deliveries on Saturday the 17th. What a wonderful experience. Finally, we will have our members Christmas party on Sunday, the 18th, in the Nest. It's the council's way of giving back to our members and their families for all the good we have done throughout the year.

I thank in advance all those who will help out with these endeavors and invite those of you haven't to pick at least one event out and own it. The more members we have involved, the more great things we can do.

Vivat Jesus, Joe Jones



Pro Life Report

Tom McLaughlin

Some Thoughts:

- The culture of death delayed the passage of funds for the Zika Virus Research. The funds are on hold due to objection of one party demanding full funding of PLANNED PARENTHOOD. Their goal is aborting all babies with the virus and using their baby parts when applicable for sale.
- Our current election will be paramount for the prolife movement. One candidate is Pro Life and has stated that he will nominate judges that support the prolife movement. The other candidate has indicated that she is strongly Pro Choice and will nominate judges

- that support that position. Which one will you vote for?

LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION!



Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

HELP PRO LIFE SUCCEED!

Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman

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