



The Vessel



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St Joseph the Worker, Council #4215

April - June 2015

In Memoriam

Sir Knight Anthony J. Paolucci – Life Member
1924-2014

Sir Knight Thomas J. McManamon – Life Member
1923 - 2014

Brother Joseph A. Immordino
1933 – 2015

Sir Knight Joseph Tomaschik – Life Member
1926 – 2015

Brother Charles J. McGee – Life Member
1930 – 2015

Sir Knight Joseph P. Lerena – Life Member
1929 – 2015

Brother Robert D. Bernhard – Life Member
1923 – 2015

Sir Knight George J. Walter, PGK – Life Member
1925-2015

Sir Knight William F. Snyder – Life Member
1929-2015

Sir Knight Francis J. O'Malley – Life Member
1918 - 2015

Grand Knight's Message

Furman Miles

Worthy Brothers,

Greetings Brothers, SJW Family, and Community, Happy Easter. What a joyous time. It's a time of renewal, reconciliation, a chance to grow in our relationship with Christ, by reflecting on his love and sacrifice at Calvary for us. I pray this Easter season has a special spiritual significance to you, your family, and our community. Let us also pray for the people you can't be with their families/friends this Easter season, our military, police, firefighters, emergency workers, our brothers and sisters that are sick in hospitals, prisons, and who are estranged in their relationships. May all find God's Grace this Easter Season.

The Council hit the ground running in the New Year starting with the Delaware Valley Veterans Home Beef and Beer on February 28th. Over 120 people attended this action packed, good time, fundraiser to raise money for site improvements around the Veteran's Home on Southampton Rd in Northeast Philadelphia. The community came together and raised close to \$5,000 for the project. Thank you to all who came out to support that special event in our Council. I would like to specifically call out the folks who saw the vision, and made that event better than anyone expected. Jennifer Jones, Gina Price, Kathy Wersler, Joe Jones, Julie Gallagher, Alan Wersler, and Jim Price (even though Jim just took direction from the others, we still need to tip our hat to him, lol) thank you, thank you, thank you. Be sure to check out all the terrific photos of this roof raising event in this issue and on our Facebook page at facebook.com/koc4215

We have some very important events coming up in the months ahead. First is an Easter egg hunt on April 4th 11am at the hall grounds. Please reach out to Jennifer Jones if you're able to help, or have questions jjones@keystonefloorproducts.com. On May 9th we will have our annual Blue Mass honoring our local police, firefighters, EMT's. This year's s mass will be at St. Mikes 5:30pm. Lastly is our Golf Outing; this year on June 28th at Bensalem Country Club 9AM sign in. We moved it to early Summer because of the Pope's visit in September our typical time. We need all sorts of help with this. It is our biggest fundraiser which helps support our many charities

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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 pray the rosary as much as possible.



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
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Recorder: Mark Take
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Outside Guard: Dan Tisak, Joe Jones
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Two Year Trustee: Gordon Cumberland
Three Year Trustee: John Stancker, PGK, FDD

HOME ASSOCIATION NEWS

Brothers,

Major renovations are being made upstairs in the council home due to water damage caused by our roof that has leaked for many years without being repaired correctly. Renovations should be completed in a couple of weeks. The good news is the Nest is still open. Please come up and frequent the bar as much as possible. 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 for more details.

Please come out and support the home. Come see some of the new things going on at the YOUR Home!

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



Easter Egg Hunt

It's Back!!!
The Knights of Columbus, Council 4215
Annual

EASTER EGG HUNT!
April 4th, 2015, 11am
For ages 12 and under

HOP ON OVER!
EGGS-tremely EGGs-citing egg hunt!!!
Approximatley 1,000 eggs filled with candy
Will be hidden on the grounds of The Knights
Find a golden egg and win a prize!!!

Afterwards come join us upstairs in The Nest for refreshments and drinks.

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Respect Life Mass & Breakfast

We are making plans to have a Respect Life Mass and Breakfast to support the Legacy of Life Foundation. The date for this event will be Sunday, October 4, 2015. The Mass will be at one of our local parishes to be followed by breakfast and a short program with speakers. Bishop Joseph Martino, who was an Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia and more recently the Bishop of Scranton will celebrate the Mass and join us for breakfast. Please plan to attend the Mass and Breakfast so we can show our support for the Legacy of Life Foundation. We will have more information as soon as we finalize all the plans.

Ken Harkanson, PGK – District Deputy – District 16

Gas Card Raffle



Tickets Will Be Available This Month.

Even though gas prices have bottomed out as of late, there's still a need to fill the tank. The Council will be offering the annual raffle tickets this month to support the Charity Fund. Tickets are \$5 per, a book of 6 for \$25. There will be three place prizes of \$300, \$150 and \$50 During the Golf Outing Reception on June 26th 2015 @ 3pm. For tickets or info reach out to Ed Patton [Click Here!](#)

Financial Secretary Message

For those that have not paid their dues for the fraternal year 2014 – 2015, you are no longer a member in good standing. 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

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along with our council home. If you can help with sponsors, find participants, volunteer for a position during, or like to golf, reach out to PGK Tom Gallagher at support@tomgallagher.com or find out more, and or register online at www.kofc4215.com.

On a larger scale we have two very prominent events coming up later in the year; first is the World Meeting of Families in September- capped off by a visit and mass from his holiness Pope Francis. The other major event is the Supreme Convention August 4-6th at the Philadelphia Convention Center. Supreme will need drivers and chaperones to escort the Bishops from the Airport to the hotels and back. World Meeting of Families is asking for over 10k in volunteers for various functions. More information will follow on how we as Knights can specifically get involved in these two momentous events.

Our Council had 25 new members join our order this fraternal year so far. 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 other 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. We need help! Also nominations for elections of officers will be put forth at the next business meeting April 7th. Any third degree brother who wishes to play a role as an officer in our council please attend to find out more on how you can get involved as an officer or an activities chairman. We need fresh and creative ideas that come with the involvement of new blood to improve, and do more great work! Please step up!

Vivat Jesus,



Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Albert Bonczyk
David O'Callahan
Frank Orlando
Mrs. Delores Fidishun
Tony Tenaglia
Bill Anderson





District News and Events

There are several things happening in the District already this year.

We are forming a District Degree Team and will have our second meeting on Monday, April 6 at 7:30 PM in the Charter Room of Saint Joseph the Worker's Home. Anyone interested in joining the Degree Team is welcome to come and if you cannot make it that night please get in touch with me or Rob Young, the Ceremonial Director.

The District will soon have a Squires Circle too as we are inviting young men ages 10 thru 18 to restart the Squires Program. We had an informational meeting back in November and had some interest shown from some area youth and are hoping to have the Circle started sometime in May.

The District hosted a Third Degree in February and we were fortunate to have around 25 members advance to the Third Degree and hopefully they will be able to go on to the Fourth Degree in May.

The State Convention is quickly approaching and this year it will be in Pittsburgh. The Supreme Convention will be in Philadelphia in August with The World Meeting of Families in September and the Pope's visit to Philadelphia. There will be a great deal of help needed with the convention in August and the Pope's visit in September. If you want to volunteer let me know and I will pass your name along.

Thank you for your continued support, it is a pleasure serving as the District Deputy.

Ken Harkanson, PGK – District Deputy – District 16



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

4/4/2015	Easter Egg Hunt – 11:00 AM – Council Grounds
4/6/2015	District Degree Team – 7:30 PM – Charter Room
4/7/2015	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Hall
4/14/2015	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM – Council Hall
4/21/2015	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
4/28/2015	Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room

May

5/5/2015	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Chambers
5/9/2015	Blue Mass – 5:30 PM – St. Mike's Parish
5/12/2015	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
5/19/2015	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
5/26/2015	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

June

6/2/2015	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM
6/9/2015	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
6/16/2015	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
6/26/2015	Golf Outing – 10:00 AM – Bensalem CC
6/30/2015	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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Veterans Beef and Beer February 28th 2015

Veterans Beef and Beer-WHAT A TERRIFIC EVENING! Over 120 attendees came out to support our local Veterans and The Delaware Valley Veterans Home. Thank you all! Our hats off to the Event Directors Alan Wersler, Jim Price, and Joe Jones. A BIG special thanks to the Lady Directors Jennifer Jones, Gina Price, Kathy Wersler, and Julie Gallagher who really brought this thing to a level we never imagined and for selling the tickets. Thanks to the many other volunteers. And especially thank you to our Vets....who served bravely. Check out all the fantastic photos from the evening at www.koc4215/facebook.com



THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!



Attention Catholics

The archdiocese of Philadelphia sold the operational and management rights of 13 Philadelphia area Catholic Cemeteries to StoneMor Co. MLP for an initial payment of 53 million dollars and an additional 35 million dollars payable through the remaining term of the sixty-year lease. StoneMor Co. MLP is a publicly traded, profit-driven master limited partnership, which will now be responsible for the management of the archdiocesan cemeteries along with the 278 cemeteries and 90 funeral homes it already controls in 28 states and Puerto Rico.

In our opinion, Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery, Holy Cross Cemetery along with 11 other archdiocese cemeteries will become places of intense commercial activity. StoneMor Co. MLP is on record saying it will use the cemetery records to contact over 60,000 lot owners to solicit them to buy cemetery services, monuments and funeral merchandise (caskets and vaults) using a trained sales force to maximize profits during the term of the lease.

Our best advice to you is to continue to place your trust and confidence in your locally-owned and operated family funeral home. You know who we are. We live among you as your friends and neighbors. Chances are we have served your family for decades, even generations. We are not going anywhere and will always be here to meet your needs. Our reputation and our sense of community demand this.



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or call Dougherty Funeral Home 215-943-7240**



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St. Joseph the Worker Council #4215

St. Michael the Archangel Council # 14626

**Come join us and
Pray for the First Responders;
Police, Fire, and EMS**

7th Annual

Blue Mass

***Remembering those who have fallen;
Supporting those who serve.***

**Saturday, May 9, 2015-5:30 pm
St. Michael the Archangel Church
130 Levittown Parkway.
Levittown, Pa 19054
Dinner Reception to Follow**

All are welcomed to attend!



SAVE THE DATE...



Hole 18 Par 4

Knights of Columbus Council 4215 17th Annual Golf Outing

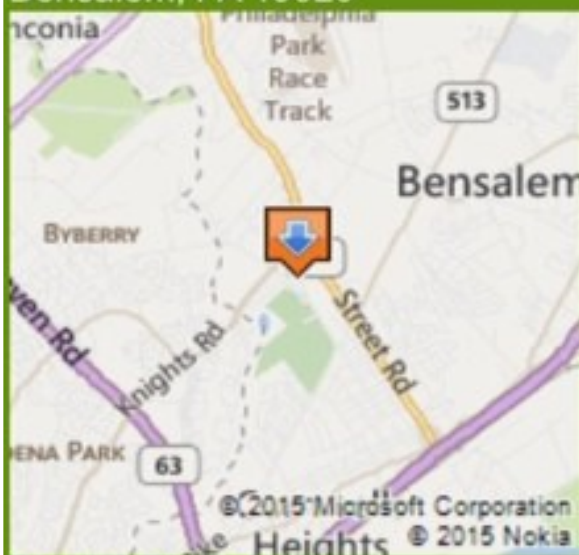
When

Friday June 26, 2015 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM EDT

[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

Bensalem Country Club
2200 Brown Ave
Bensalem, PA 19020



[Driving Directions](#)

Dear Golfer

You're invited to our 17th Annual Golf Tournament.

The day will feature a 18 hole (scramble format) round of golf. Beverages and snacks during the round. Buffet dinner, open bar beer/wine and awards party afterwards in The Nest. Many giveaways and prizes throughout. The costs is \$120 and the proceeds of the event will help our many Knights charitable causes.

Click the links below to register or find out more about this fun event.

www.kofc4215.com

[Get More Information](#)

[Register Now!](#)

[I can't make it](#)

Contact Tom Gallagher below with any questions regarding the event or sponsorship opportunities .

Thanks for your support. We hope to hear from you, and see you on the course/ after party on June 26th.

All the best,

Tom Gallagher PGK, FDD, Golf Committe Chairman
Knights of Columbus Council 4215
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[215 702 3558](tel:2157023558))





ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GOLF OUTING

BENSALEM COUNTRY CLUB
BENSALEM, PA

DATE: FRIDAY, June 26, 2015

TIME: **CHECK IN:** 9:00 AM
TEE-OFF: 10:00 AM SHOT GUN START
Dinner will follow in "The Nest" (upstairs at the Knights of Columbus,
Levittown)

FORMAT: SCRAMBLE

PRICE: \$120.00

***PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR FORESOME BELOW. IF SINGLE PLAYER, YOU WILL BE
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Golf Outing - Friday, June 26th 9:00 a.m.
Sponsor Response Form

Platinum Shirt Sponsor	\$3000	_____
Platinum Banquet Sponsor	\$3000	_____
Gold Towel Sponsor	\$1500	_____
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Amount Enclosed: _____

**NOTE: Mail response form, payment and complete contact information
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Checks payable to Knights of Columbus #4215.



*Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the
Easter people and hallelujah is our song.*

~Saint Pope John Paul II

Pro Life Report

Tom McLaughlin

The UN Committee has told the Catholic church it has to change its teaching to comply with the UN Committee. It consist of fornication, contraceptives, homosexuality, and abortion.

Population planners are encouraging promiscuity as well as single mothers and destruction of the basic society unit-the family. The Affordable Health care plan has high deductibles for having a child delivered. Therefore abortion is an affordable option. Margaret Sanger is the vanguard of this philosophy. Our past Secretary of State and House speaker are proud women who received the Margaret Sanger Award.

The definition of a family is being change by the Supreme Court judges of the states throughout our country. You are being told what is truth. What is freedom? Your religious values are "politically incorrect".

www.defendthevatican.org Sign the petition to support the Holy See. -Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute



Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

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