



The Vessel



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Worthy Chaplain's Message

Father Edward Kelty

Father Kelty was unable to provide a message this month. He asks that you pray for our Holy Catholic Church and for our new Pontiff, Pope Francis.



In Memoriam

Brother Pasquale P. Friscia
Life Member
1920 – 2013

Brother Richard B. Keller
1943 – 2013

Sir Knight Leroy M. Rhodes, PGK
1959 – 2013

Brother Joseph J. Valerio
Life Member
1925 - 2013

Grand Knight's Message

Alan Wersler

Worthy Brothers,

I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to represent as your Grand Knight for the coming year, and to thank the officers who helped me last year and to welcome the new officers aboard and am looking forward to this coming year. We face many challenges in this fraternal year, some good, some not so good. The only way to make the better is by involvement I know it's hard for us to make every event but I am asking for that "24 hours" we all pledged we would do when we first became Knights. I think we have a great nucleus of men on both the council and home association and we all have the same goal, to make SJW 4215 the best council in the world, and I see it because in this past year we welcomed nearly 50 men into our order that's above and beyond any other council. We need you to be informed of what's going on by attend our monthly meetings. I am trying to keep our business meeting to an hour so and believe it's working, but when nominations are held it usually runs a later and that's ok because we live in a democracy and I believe everyone should be heard. Going forward you will be asked for your membership card to attend ALL meetings both council and home. When going to any meeting in our order you MUST produce your current traveling card, and this will be enforced. So come on out, get involved, stay informed and help us shine.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!! As always please keep in your daily prayers all of our clergy, our military, our first responders and our sick and deceased members.

Vivat Jesus!!

Alan J Wersler, Grand Knight

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
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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
 Inside Guard: Bob Allen
 Outside Guard: Tom Hadzick, Kevin McGurty
 One Year Trustee: John Stancker, PGK, FDD
 Two Year Trustee: Tom Gallagher, PGK, FDD
 Three Year Trustee: Gordon Cumberland

SJW Home Association

No article was submitted by the Home Association President this month.



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 Frank Orlando
 Leroy Rhodes, PGK
 John Cippoloone
 Mrs. Delores Fidishun
 Tony Tenaglia
 Tom Gallagher, PGK, FDD
 Dorothy Callahan



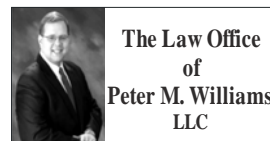
New Vessel Design

As you can see, we have a new look going with "The Vessel". PGK Mark Kronberger has retired as the Vessel editor due to personal reasons. I have told our Grand Knight that I will try my hand at putting the Vessel out so we do not have to pay to have it done by someone. I have updated the look of the Vessel to give it a more modern look and feel. Please let me know your thoughts. If you are interested in becoming the Vessel Editor, please contact GK Alan Wersler at alanwersler@verizon.net.

Editor, PGK Jim Price

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Membership Cards

Due to events at a recent meeting, membership cards will now be necessary to access all council and Home Association meetings. Supreme bylaws (Sec 240) states "The presentation to the proper officers of a current membership card showing the member to be in good standing on the date presented, shall entitle the member to attend all meetings of his council". Please have your membership cards available when attending both Home Association and Council Meetings. If you need a replacement card, please contact our Financial Secretary PGK Jim Price.

Grand Knight Alan Wersler

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 1st.

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

July

7/9/2013	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
7/16/2013	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
7/30/2013	Officers Meeting at 7:00 PM - Charter Room

August

8/6/2013	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM - Council Chambers
8/13/2013	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
8/20/2013	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
4/30/2013	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

PLEASE MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO COME
OUT TO THESE MEETINGS.

YOUR COUNCIL

NEEDS YOU

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 lindkenth@verizon.net.

SJW Ladies Auxilliary

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



SJW Seniors

COME PLAY BINGO

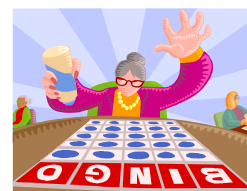
At the Knights of Columbus, St Joseph the Worker Council Senior Citizens, Second Floor.

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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.

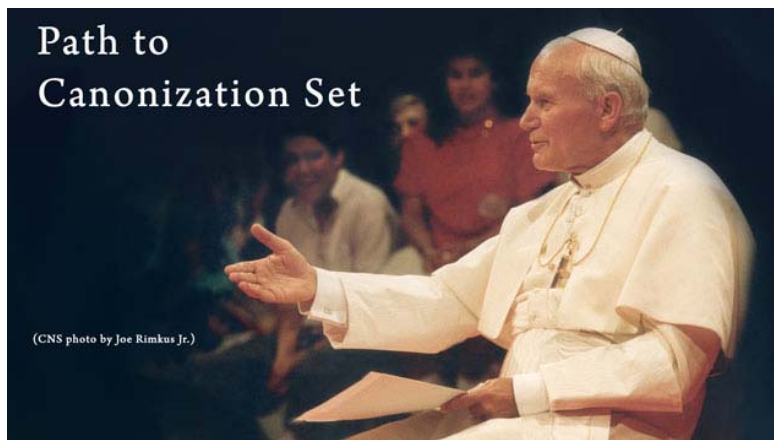
Bingo is 15 cents per card, winner takes all per game. Card games are also a part of our day. The 3rd Thursday is a monthly lunch. The food is prepared by Curly's Creations.

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.



Blue Mass

The Knights of Columbus St Joseph the Worker and St Michael the Archangel Councils honored our communities' first responders with a mass at St. Frances Cabrini on Friday May 3rd. There were several first responders from many districts in lower Bucks County in attendance. A dinner in the churches social hall immediately followed the mass. Monsignor McCormack gave a beautiful homily about the love of serving; even people you do not know. A bagpiper played as honorees entered and left the church. There was a collection for The Hero's Scholarship Fund in which \$388.00 was raised. Thank you to Terry Hughes and Hank Ward for organizing this terrific tribute. — at [Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Community](#) May 3rd 2013.



POPE JOHN PAUL II'S PATH TO SAINTHOOD

1 **POPE JOHN PAUL II DIES, APRIL 2, 2005.** At his funeral Mass, the crowd shouts "Santo Subito!" or "Sainthood Immediately!"



2 **JOHN PAUL'S HOLY LIFE.** Although five years typically pass before a cause for sainthood is officially opened, Pope Benedict XVI made an exception (just as Pope John Paul II made an exception for Mother Teresa). In May 2005, Pope Benedict opens the cause, beginning the task of gathering testimonies, writings, personal letters, and any information either favorable or contrary from his life. Polish-born postulator Monsignor Stawomir Oder begins to oversee the process of examining the evidence.



3 **EXAMINATION CONTINUES.** In Rome, experts from several areas examine Pope John Paul II's life, virtues, reputation of holiness and claims of associated miracles. People submit testimonies to the cause website, including one from Sister Marie Simon-Pierre Normand, who says she was cured of Parkinson's disease after praying with her community to John Paul.

4 **THE POPE DECLARES HIS PREDECESSOR VENERABLE.** On Dec. 19, 2009, after the court of cardinals and bishops of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints affirm the cause, Pope Benedict XVI authorized the creation of the decree of heroic virtue.

5 **FREE FROM PARKINSON'S: VERIFYING THE FIRST MIRACLE.** The Scientific Medical Council of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints examined Sister Marie Simon-Pierre Normand's cure from Parkinson's disease—the same disease that plagued Pope John Paul for many years before his death—for its medical authenticity. Theologians examine it for its spiritual authenticity. On both accounts it is approved.



6 **A NEW "BLESSED" ROLE MODEL.** On Jan. 14, 2011, Pope Benedict approves the first miracle—the last step before beatification. Although Pope Benedict earlier announced that he would not preside over most beatification ceremonies, he will celebrate this one, set for May 1, 2011.



7 **JOHN PAUL, FUTURE SAINT?** Although many Blessed become Saints, it is never a foregone conclusion, and a second authentic miracle is required.

SAINTHOOD DEFINED

CONGREGATION FOR THE CAUSES OF SAINTS
The department in the Vatican that deals with causes for sainthood in Rome, and which investigates and approves the causes.

POSTULATOR
The appointed person who manages the logistics of the case.

INTERCESSION
When a person prays to God for another person. Regarding canonization, this happens

also when a person prays to the candidate for sainthood, asking that the candidate intercede on their behalf.

MIRACLES
Scientifically unexplainable occurrences (usually medical cures). Miracles that happen through such intercessory prayers are considered a possible sign that the candidate is with God. One authenticated miracle is required for beatification, and an additional one for canonization.

TITLES
There are four steps to being declared a saint; at each, the candidate receives a different honorary title.

1) "Servant of God" means that the deceased has a reputation of holiness, and that the Church has begun the canonization process.

2) "Venerable" indicates that the Congregation of Saints and the Pope have examined the candidate's life and works, and have confirmed that the person lived a virtuous life.

3) "Blessed" (Beatification) is the second-to-last step. After a miracle is authenticated, and presents the candidate as a model in a beatification ceremony.

4) "Saint" (Canonization) is the last and highest title, by which the Church uses the title "saint" to indicate that there is sufficient verifiable evidence that this deceased person is, in fact, with God in heaven. The formal canonization ceremony is usually celebrated by the pope, and the saint is offered for public veneration in the Church throughout the world.

Pope Francis signed a decree clearing the way for the canonization of Blessed John Paul II and has decided also to ask the world's cardinals to vote on the canonization of Blessed John XXIII, even in the absence of a miracle. After Pope Francis met July 5 with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, the Vatican published a list of decrees the pope approved related to Blessed John Paul's canonization. Publishing the decrees, the Vatican also said, "The supreme pontiff approved the favorable votes of the ordinary session of the cardinal- and bishop-fathers regarding the canonization of Blessed John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli) and has decided to convoke a consistory that will also involve the canonization of Blessed John Paul II."

The cardinals and archbishops who are members of the saints' congregation met at the Vatican July 2 and voted in favor of the pope recognizing as a miracle the healing of Floribeth Mora Diaz, a Costa Rican who was suffering from a brain aneurysm and recovered after prayers through the intercession of Blessed John Paul.

It should be noted that no date for a canonization ceremony was announced, but it is likely that the two popes will be canonized together, possibly "by the end of the year."

PRO LIFE REPORT

The culture of death goal of Plan B birth control for aborting babies is allowed for 15 year old and may be extended to 14 year old teenagers.

Pennsylvania's HB 818 signed by the Governor to stop payment for abortions in Obamacare. August 1, employers will be forced to pay for the culture of death package of abortion etc.

A new Pro Life HB in Washington to stop abortions after 20 weeks in USA.

Girl Scouts favor Planned Parenthood and proud to support all phases of abortion against human babies.

Recently, Matt Birk, center for the Ravens, marked absent to see the president due to his support of Planned Parenthood.



Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

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Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman

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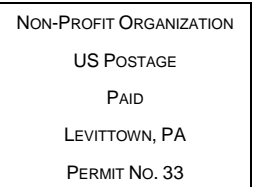
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Important Notice about Vessel

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) 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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