



# The Vessel



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May/June 2013

## 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 Andrew Orloski  
Honorary Life Member  
1919 – 2013

Brother Frank Bendinsky  
1936 – 2013

Brother John Tabek  
1938 – 2013

Brother Lamoine Hallman  
Honorary Life Member  
1931 - 2013

## Grand Knight's Message

*Alan Wersler*

Worthy Brothers,

We had a busy couple of weeks with some back to back events beginning with the Appreciation dinner which was held to thank local business and organizations for their generosity throughout the year for supporting all our charitable works by sponsoring a variety of events, being pit sponsors at the horseshoe tournament, to major sponsorship at the golf outing. Everyone was treated to a buffet made by Curly, and there was a power point presentation to show everyone where the dollars go to. Plaques of Gratitude were presented to all the Sponsors. Thanks PGK Vince Haggerty for helping to co-ordinate this event.

This year's Blue Mass was held at St. Frances Cabrini mass was con-celebrated by Msgr. Michael McCormac and Rev. Michael Hennelly it was attended by our communities first responders, Government officials, Parishners and members of both St. Michael the Archangel and St. Joseph the Worker councils. It was Msgr. McCormac's first time celebrating a Blue Mass and was extremely glad to do so as he stated in a very touching Homily. Afterwards everyone was invited over to the hall to enjoy a buffet provided by our amazing caterer Curly; a great time was had by all who attended. And once again a special Thank You to Lt. Terry Hughes for all he has done to make this year's event flawless!!

The following morning our Council hosted the annual Horse-Shoes for Hunger event. This event has grown since its inception and has not only become a great annual fundraiser, it also lets the participants enjoy a day of playing horse-shoes they also get a chance to see where the donations go to when the event is over. And this year the weather was Ideal and I heard a Great time was had by all. I need to thank DGK Furman Miles, Chuck Moser, Steve Hasson for coordinating the event and to the Home association for their help also, Job Well Done!!

I also had the privilege of representing our council along with PGK Ken Harkenson at this year's State Convention held in Lancaster May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, it was an honor to go and to see how the rest of the councils in our state operate and needless to say even though we were overlooked from an award stand point, I will put S.J.W. 4215 up against any council because we get the job done, compared to other councils who only raised a portion of the money needed for

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## 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](mailto:lindakent@verizon.net).

## Council Officers Nominations for Fraternal Year 2013-2014

Grand Knight: Alan Wersler  
Deputy Grand Knight: Furman Miles  
Advocate: Ken Harkanson, PGK  
Chancellor: Terry Hughes  
Warden: Chuck Moser  
Treasurer: Steve Babst, Ed Patton  
Recorder: Mark Tate  
3 year Trustee: Gordon Cumberland  
Inside Guard: Bob Allen  
Outside Guard: Kevin McGurty

## SJW Home Association

The SJW Home Association is moving forward to the new fraternal year as well. Nominations are open for the Board of Directors. Please take some time to attend a home meeting which is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Also, please don't hesitate to come up to the Nest and have dinner or just visit with your other brother Knights. Curly continues to serve up the very best in cuisine!



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## Sick and Visitation

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David O'Callahan  
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John Cippoloone  
Mrs. Delores Fidishun  
Tony Tenaglia  
Tom Gallagher, PGK, FDD  
Dorothy Callahan



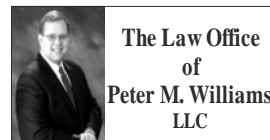
## New Vessel Design

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](mailto:alanwersler@verizon.net).

*Editor, PGK Jim Price*

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## Pro Life Mass and Breakfast

This year our Council will be having the Annual Pro-Life Mass and Breakfast on Sunday May 19th beginning with Mass at 9 AM at Saint Frances Cabrini Church in Fairless Hills. After Mass, we will come back to the Council Home for breakfast upstairs, followed with a Program on the Pro-Life message. We are honored to have Bishop Michael Fitzgerald, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, as our principal celebrant and guest speaker, along with Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick who is a member of our Council. We are also fortunate to have Marie Joseph, the Executive Director of The Legacy of Life Foundation, speaking on her mission with the two crisis centers for which all proceeds will benefit.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$20 and they are available by calling Kenneth Harkanson, PGK, at 215-943-9760. We have a limited number of tickets for the breakfast, and expect that the breakfast will sell out. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to call.

## SJW Ladies Auxiliary

The council has recently started its Ladies Auxiliary again and they are up and running. Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### May

3/19/2013	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
5/21/2013	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
5/28/2013	Officers Meeting at 7:00 PM - Charter Room

### June

6/4/2013	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM - Council Chambers
6/11/2013	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
6/18/2013	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
6/19/2013	Women's Auxiliary Meeting - Crow's Nest
6/25/2013	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

an Ultra-sound machine, We did it in nearly record time, and that machine has been in operation since January of this year. So even though we were passed over, we don't need an award to remind us of this effort the only rewards we will never see are the ones who really matter, the women who see the life inside of them growing and hopefully they will choose Life instead of the alternative and that my Brothers is better than any old plaque.

As I Close, I want to wish all you a safe and enjoyable summer and to stop on up to the Crow's Nest and enjoy a cold beverage and a great meal!! As always please keep in your daily prayers our Clergy, our men and women in the Armed Forces, our First Responders and all of Sick and Deceased members that the Holy Spirit may always protect them.

Vivat Jesus!!  
Alan J Wersler  
GK SJW 4215

## SUGGESTED CHANGES TO HOME ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS.

CHANGE (entire section)

### Article X (Finances)

Section 1. Limit of indebtedness. The board of Directors shall not incur any indebtedness on the part of the home in excess of \$5000.00 without the permission of the membership at an annual meeting or a specially called meeting to, do so. Said purpose shall be explained to the membership and then a call for approval shall be taken. (Exception to this rule shall only be for a catastrophic event were by the board of directors are assembled and do what is needed. The membership shall be informed at the most prudent time.)

### Article VI (Officers)

ADD (to article)

e) Secretary of Income. The secretary of income shall be responsible to record all income from all the various sources and report them at the monthly meetings of the board of Directors and a grand total at the annual meeting to all the membership.

CHANGE ADD (LAST SENTENCE)

Section 2 a) President

The president shall not succeed himself more than twice.

ADD TO (1<sup>st</sup> Sentence)

### Article V, Section 3 (Election of Directors)

At the May meeting of the Board of Directors, the president shall open up nominations for the upcoming year. Nominations will be reopened at the annual meeting and then voted on. There are four (4) openings each year plus those from death or other reasons.





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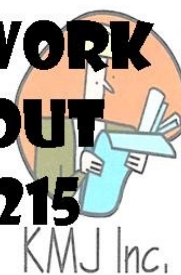
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# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual SJW 4215 Horseshoes for Hunger Tournament

SJW 4215 held their 5th annual Horseshoe for Hunger Tournament Saturday May 4th. The event was a huge success. The weather was perfect; 72 degrees, crisp air, and bright sunny skies. 60 participants registered to play and several others came by to visit the terrific raffle tables, enjoy the other festivities, food, drink, and take in the fun all for a meaningful cause. Together as a collective effort we raised over \$2,000 for the Charity Fund. This fund allows our council to support the many purpose filled activities we do throughout the year; including the food and gift baskets delivered the Saturday before Christmas. There was also 120lbs of canned goods collected from the participants and delivered to Mary's Cupboard. SJW 4215 would like to thank all the participants, sponsors, SJW Ladies Auxiliary for their awesome raffle baskets, and volunteers who made the event possible and enables our council to continue with the good work we do in the community. A BIG thanks to Chuck Moser, Steve Hasson, and Steve Babst who organized, planned, and worked diligently to coordinate all the activities for months prior to the day of the event. They demonstrated teamwork at its finest.

Be sure to check out all the photos of this event on our Facebook Page at [facebook.com/koc4215](https://facebook.com/koc4215)

Congratulations to all the winners;

Horseshoes;

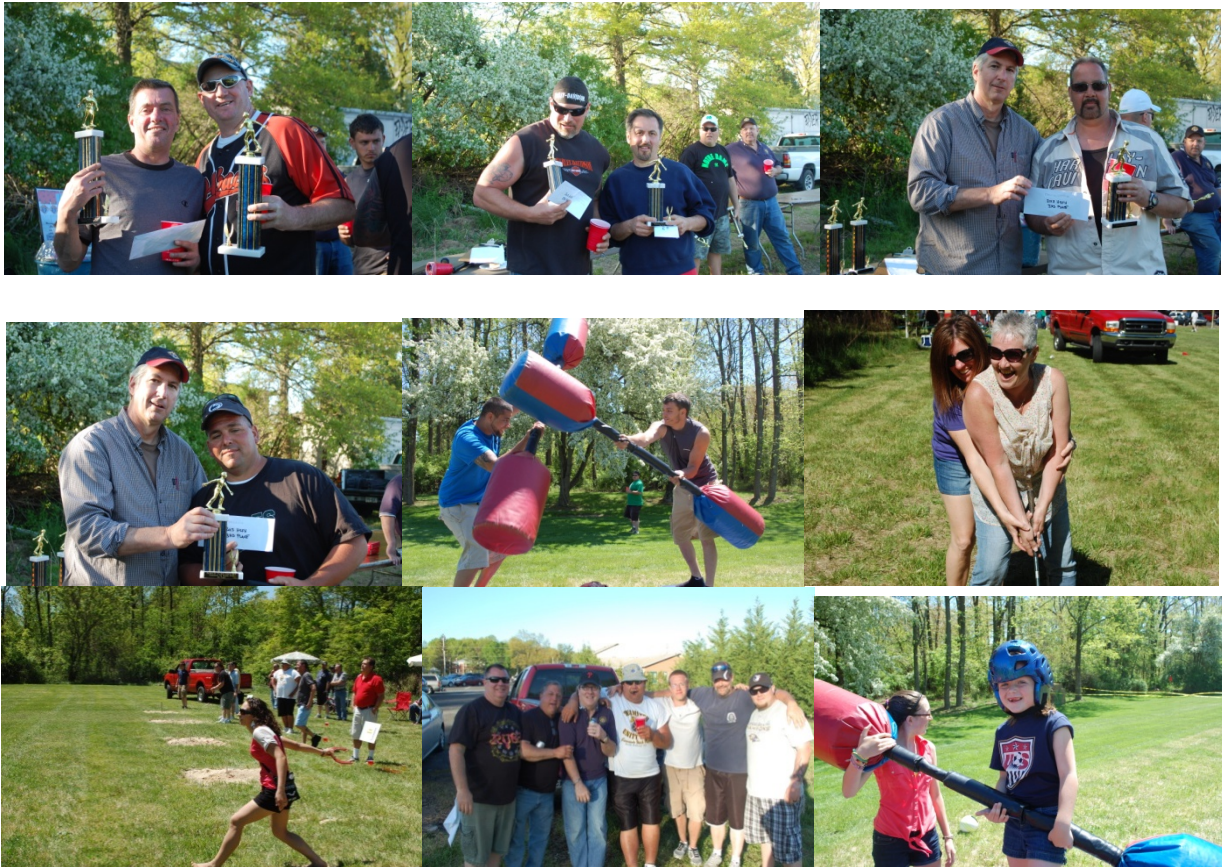
First Place-John Chesko and Bob Grisan

Second Place-Mike Tarity and John Pizzoferrato

Third Place-Dennis Liotta and Steve Favoroso

Closest to the Pin-Cliff Cleaver 2'2"

Archery Shoot-John Southard 11 points



PRO LIFE REPORT

No report this issue



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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](http://www.kofc4215.com)) or via Email. More information will be provided for you when you receive your annual membership billing in late June/early July, as well as a selection sheet to select whether you want to continue to receive the Vessel via 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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