



The Vessel



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Worthy Chaplain's Message

Father Edward Kelty

Father Kelty could not provide an article this month.



Pray for our Holy Father

Pope Francis



Grand Knight's Message

Alan Wersler

Worthy Brothers,

On Sunday October 13 2013, we celebrated the PGK Dinner Dance upstairs at The Nest and a great time was had by all. It was an honor to see all the PGKs and their lovely wives in attendance. DGK Furman Miles put together an outstanding event. He made a video that was a display of events past and present that our great organization has done throughout the years and interviewed most of the PGKs about what they remembered during their term. Thank you gentlemen for taking the time to do that. The Knight of the year was awarded to Gordon Cumberland and the GK award went to PGK Vince Haggerty. Congratulations for all the effort in making SJW 4215 stand out.

We will be grinding pretty hard right up until Christmas with community events such as the Kids Coat Drive, Seniors Dinner, Keep Christ in Christmas signs, Food Baskets and Toy Run. Please check the calendar of events for dates and times or visit our website at KofC4215.com for the latest updates. Feel free to bring a new, unwrapped toy to any meeting leading up to the Toy run.

Our Memorial Mass will be Friday November 1, 2013 at 7 pm downstairs in our regular meeting area. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Raju and afterwards, a dinner will be provided by Georgine's. Please make every effort to attend and honor our fallen brothers.

We wish everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends and a Blessed Christmas with all of your loved ones. Please pray for those are not able to be with their families during these times.

As always please keep in your daily prayers all of our clergy, our military (Happy 238th Birthday USMC!!), our first responders, our sick and distressed members and our politicians, that the Holy Spirit may guide and protect them.

Vivat Jesus!!

Alan J Wersler, Grand Knight

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In Memoriam

Brother William Devine
Life Member
1938 – 2013

Sir Knight Leonard Smolsky
Life Member
1925 – 2013

Brother James Connolly
Life Member
1931 – 2013

Brother William Umek
Honorary Life Member
1946 – 2013

Brother Raymond Litwin
Life Member
1936 – 2013

Brother Edward Shartle
Life Member
1924 – 2013

Brother James Frawley
Life Member
1932 - 2013

***May their souls rest in peace and we thank
them for their service to our order!***

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
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Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Albert Bonczyk
David O'Callahan
Frank O'Malley
Frank Orlando
Mrs. Delores Fidishun
Tony Tenaglia
Tom Gallagher, PGK, FDD
Dorothy Callahan
Bill Anderson



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

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 you in Cape May. Cost of this weekend is \$510 per couple. This cost includes your stay for two nights at the hotel, your meals, and open bar all weekend.

For further information please contact the Grand Commander, 215-666-2009 and leave a message I will get back to you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

11/5/2013	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM - Charter Room
11/12/2013	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
11/19/2013	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
11/24/2013	Senior's Thanksgiving Dinner – 10:00 AM
11/26/2013	Officers Meeting at 7:00 PM - Charter Room
11/30/2013	Keep Christ in Christmas signs – 9:00 AM

December

12/3/2013	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM -
12/7/2013	Kids Christmas Party – 11: AM: Crow's Nest
12/10/2013	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
12/17/2013	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
12/21/2013	Basket Giveaway – 7:00 AM
12/22/2013	Members Christmas Party – 1:00 PM
12/30/2013	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

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.

SJW Ladies Auxiliary

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.

Woodbourne Road, Levittown Pa

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.

Coats for Kids

With many families with young children continuing to struggle in these challenging economic times, there has never been a better time for Knights of Columbus councils to help by providing warm winter coats to children in their communities through the Order's Coats for Kids program.

During the 2012/13 winter season, 918 Knights of Columbus councils purchased and distributed 42,516 coats. This is a significant increase over the 2011/12 number of 31,528 coats purchased and distributed. Since 2009, the Knights of Columbus has distributed more than 115,000 coats to kids throughout the United States and Canada.

Chancellor Terry Hughes is currently spearheading our council's efforts to assist the Knight of Columbus with this endeavor. It is the first time that our council has participated in this program and Terry, along with his wife Liz, have collected enough donations to supply 144 needy children with coats! The coats are currently being shipped and we will be handing them out in the next few months. Stay tuned for the results....

Jim Price, PGK



SJW Home Association

NO ARTICLE WAS SUBMITTED

**DON'T FEEL LIKE COOKING? LOOKING
FOR A PLACE TO GO AND SOCIALIZE WITH
GOOD FRIENDS AND GOOD FOOD?
LOOKING TO HAVE A PARTY?**

**THE CROW'S NEST IS THE ANSWER!!!
COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE NEST!!**

An Important Message from the Financial Secretary

The first billing notice was sent in late June for the 2013 – 2014 Fraternal year. To date, approximately 200 member have yet to pay their dues. As of September 1, 2013, any member who has not paid dues is considered to not be in good standing and may not attend council and/or home association meetings. It is imperative that those members who have not paid remit their payment to me ASAP.

Members should also note that it is their responsibility to notify the council if they move to a new address. The council is not responsible for tracking members. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jim Price, PGK – Financial Secretary

Christmas Party

The Annual Kids Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 in the Crow's Nest. ***It is open to the children and grandchildren of our members only.*** There will be fun and games and Santa will be making an appearance. If you are planning on attending, please contact either PGK Jim Price at (215) 943-5865 or DGK Furman Miles at (215) 891-1259 if you plan on attending. Please make sure you supply the number of person's attending.

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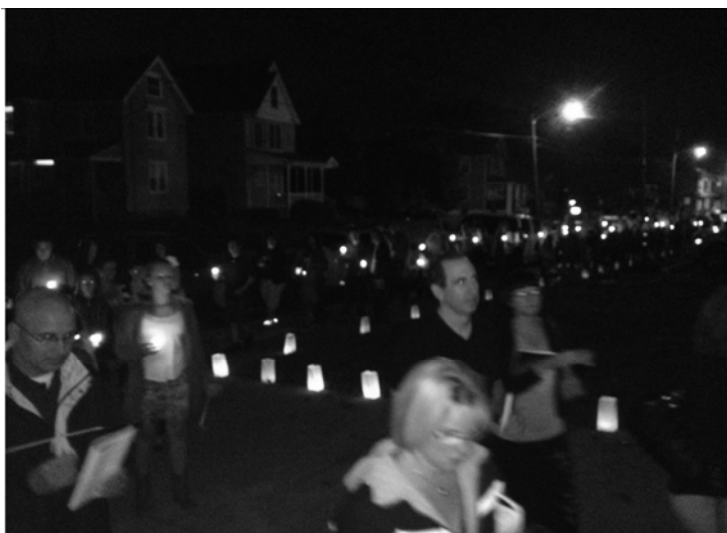
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The Council was pleased to be asked to help at the 40 hours of adoration procession and reception at Our Lady of Grace on October 16th. Brother Knights helped hand out candles and serve drinks at the reception. Parishioners and guests participated in a liturgy, and then processed through the streets of Penn del accompanied by music, candles, and the Holy Eucharist. What a terrific evening! Thank you to Steve Hasson, Chuck Moser, Jim Price, Tony O'Malley and Alex Phinn for their help that evening.



Tony O'Malley, Chuck Moser, Jim Price, Steve Hasson

Remember to
Keep
Christ in
Christmas



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Pro Life Report

Kermit Gosnell believes he was justified in his role of an abortionist in Philadelphia. The death of babies even up to partial-birth abortion was a profession he was proud of doing. He was cleansing the world of unwanted human beings. Rumors state he may be pardoned at a later date by President Obama.

The Venerable Fr. Michael F. McGivney was born to motivate the Knights of Columbus to preserve our families in the Catholic way of life. Continue to pray for our great country and the men that represent us in Washington DC!



Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney
HELP PRO LIFE SUCCEED!

Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman

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 access it online at our website (www.kofc4215.com).

This will be the last Vessel that you will receive in the mail unless I have heard from you. Right now I have about 10 people that have requested the Vessel 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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