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**NEXT VESSEL DEADLINE
 DECEMBER 14TH**



ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 3, at the council home in the Crows Nest starting at 11:00 AM. Any child or grandchild (12 or under) of a member is invited to attend. Santa will be present. The admission for each child is a canned good item that will be donated to Mary's Cupboard. Please send in this RSVP slip by November 28th so that we can purchase the correct amount of food. Price of admission without an RSVP will be \$3.00 per child. Any questions, please contact Event Chairpersons Jim Price at (215) 943-5865 or Furman Miles at (215) 752-2595.

Member Name: _____

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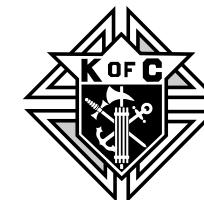
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Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from your Council!



**CHAPLAIN'S
 MESSAGE**
 Fr. Edward Kelty

A FOUNDING FATHER ON THE RIGHT TO LIFE

The following article is an excerpt from the doctoral thesis, "Founding Father John Witherspoon on the Person, Family, and the Constitutional Right to Life and its Modern Denial by the Supreme Court in ROE VS. WADE".

The dissertation successfully defended in the Faculty of Philosophy of The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of doctor of philosophy by Fr. Edward J. Kelty, Oblate of Wisdom, on 3 February 1996, at Rome.

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For John Witherspoon the right to life is one of the chief natural rights which belonged to man even in the natural state in which he lived before the social contract was ratified and before society was formed. These perfect rights of the natural state which man enjoys after society was established are those rights which society keeps and protects under the social contract once it is ratified. The first and foremost right is the right to life. Other perfect rights Witherspoon

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IN MEMORIAM

Sir Knight
Rev. John J. Foster
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 1925-2011

Sir Knight
Francis X. Schultz
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 1944-2011

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Sir Knight
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 1925-2011



SICK AND VISITATION
 Please keep these members
 in your prayers.

**Frank Orlando
 LeRoy Rhodes, PGK**

Do you have news on the infirmity or recovery of any brother Knight?
 Contact Alan Wersler, (215) 943-5005

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Tom Callahan



Dear Brother Knights,
 On October 9th, we held the Past Grand Knights' dinner where we honored our Past Grand Knights along with our outgoing Grand Knight, Jim Price. With the support of his wife Gina and children Julia, Josh and Gia, Jim successfully managed family, career and Grand Knight's responsibilities. Jim has led this council through example and has never asked more from any member that he himself was not willing to dedicate. Jim served three terms as Grand Knight and I look to Jim and all our Past Grand Knights of Council 4215 for their support and guidance throughout this coming year. I want to extend my congratulations to the Grand Knight Award recipient Vince Haggerty, PGK. Vince is highly respected by the members of Council 4215 as he has chaired many committees, organized fundraisers and is a constant advisor to the Grand Knight and our officers. We also announced that this year there was co-recipients of the Knight of the Year Award. Chuck Moser was recognized for his ongoing efforts with redesigning and updating the council website as well as fulfilling the responsibilities of council Treasurer. The second

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SENIORS THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Sunday November 20, 2011 we will be holding our annual Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner. This dinner is for the residents of a few Nursing Homes that we invite.

The event runs from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with the volunteers reporting at 9:30 a.m. for set up. We will have forty invited guests to set up for as well as the singers and volunteers. If interested in volunteering for this event please get in touch with me ASAP.

Vince Haggerty
215-945-0229.

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COUNCIL BYLAW CHANGE ON DUES PAYMENTS

The following section to the by law changes have previously been published and read, then voted on at our meeting in September - however Supreme Council does not allow any discounts or rebates of dues to be given for paying early or on time. There must be only one amount in our by laws for dues for the general membership. This being the case we have read the following change at our October meeting and will be voting on it in November so the financial secretary has the change in place in a timely manner. This change will raise our dues from \$36.00 to \$40.00." Ken Harkanson, PGK, Council Advocate.

Where as: Our expenses increase each year and we have not increased our dues in nearly ten years.

Be it resolved: That we change our bylaws (Article I GENERAL sec. 3) to read "The annual dues of members shall be \$40.00. The annual dues of honorary members shall be the Supreme per capita, and State per capita, and any other supreme or State charges that might be access to the council for these members. Honorary life members are exempt from paying any council dues."

"SOCIAL KNIGHTS"

All Knights, remember the third Tuesday of each month is SOCIAL NIGHT upstairs at the Nest. Dinners are prepared by our GREAT chef "CURLY". Cost per person is \$7.50. This is a good way to meet with friends or renew old acquaintances.

Looking forward to seeing you and your family on the third Tuesday of the month.

Gordon Cumberland
Social Night Chairman

CARAVAN #126 CAPE MAY WEEKEND
November 25 - 26 - 27

Grand Hotel, Cape May New Jersey. Come join the fun raising weekend for "God's Special Children". Enjoy all the fun raising festivities. Congregate with old friends and meet new ones
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or
Gordon Cumberland
215-584-7326 or 215-428-1463

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At the end of each day you can retire to a wonderful room and

COUNCIL CALENDAR
NOVEMBER 2011

1	COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING, 8:00 PM. Main Hall ROSARY 7:45 PM
15	SOCIAL KNIGHT, 6:30 PM, The Nest
15	SJW HOME ASSOC. MEETING, (After Social night)
20	SENIORS THANKSGIVING DINNER, 9:30 AM Setup in the Main Ballroom of the Home for helpers
22	THIRD DEGREE, 7:30 PM
26	KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS, 9:30 AM, Home
29	OFFICERS MEETING, 7:30 PM, The Nest

DECEMBER 2011

3	KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY, 11 AM - 2 pm, The Nest
6	COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING, 8:00 PM. Main Hall ROSARY 7:45 PM
13	SJW HOME ASSOC. MEETING, 7:30 PM. The Nest
14	VESSEL DEADLINE FOR JAN/FEB ISSUE
17	CHRISTMAS BASKETS, 8:00 AM, Home
18	MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1-5, The Nest
20	SOCIAL KNIGHT, 6:30 PM, The Nest
27	COUNCIL OFFICERS MEETING, 7:30 PM, The Nest

SJW SENIORS Meet every Thursday 10 AM - 2PM - The Nest



What's Happening in "The Nest"
Entertainment Schedule

Come watch your favorite events on our 92 inch, 42 inch and two 50 inch Hi-Def TV's! Happy Hours 4 - 6 \$1.50 Domestic Pints \$1.50 Budweiser Pints during NASCAR Races and Flyers Games. Tuesday night \$2.00 you call em's from 7 to 9 PM

Something for the entire family every day of the week.

NO COVER FOR ANY OF OUR EVENTS!!! The Nest is a great way to spend an evening with friends or wives. Great food by Curly and the cheapest drink prices in town.

Dominic Campellone, President
SJW Home Association

ATTEND YOUR COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETINGS

The First Tuesday each month is the Knights of Columbus business meeting. We want you and need you to attend and to be a part of one of the best organizations in the world. Meeting starts at 8:00 pm. Rosary at 7:45.

Our meetings are the launch point for all our programs, fund raising and planning. We need the support of the members to reach our goals and to bring new ideas and energy. New members are especially encouraged to attend to learn how our council works.

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Grand Knights Message *Continued from page 1.*

recipient of this award will be announced at a later date as he and his wife were unable to attend the dinner. Knight of the Year Award co-recipients has not occurred since 1969 and we are fortunate to have two men who are deserving of this award.

The annual council golf outing was held on Friday, October 7th due to rain out on September 23rd. We did make a profit with this event although we fell short of last year's number. The date change resulted in fewer golfers able to play but we all had a great time and enjoyed beautiful weather. We want to thank Dougherty Funeral Home for their generous contribution for this tournament as well as all other sponsors for without their support, this event could not be possible. I also want to thank Jim Bogan and the staff at Bensalem Country Club for their continued support of our council and assistance in making this event a success. I look forward to realizing a record profit for this tournament next year.

All COAL chances have been mailed and COAL is in full swing! Continue to sell chances to family and friends and send your money and ticket stubs to Brother Knight Pete Costa, council 4215 chairman. As a reminder ticket prices are the same as last year, \$1 each or a book of eight for \$6.

November and December are exciting months for our council and we have a number of events fast approaching. Friday, November 4th is our annual memorial mass where we honor our deceased Brother Knights who passed away this year and their families. Father Rejou has graciously accepted our invitation to celebrate mass that evening. Mass begins at 7 PM in the Autumn Room downstairs at the council hall and dinner will immediately follow mass. Our Seniors Thanksgiving dinner will be on Sunday, November 20th. Volunteers should arrive at 9:30 AM in the Autumn Room to assist with setting up tables. This is our

opportunity to show compassion and kindness to senior members of our local community. Council 4215 will be hosting a 3rd degree on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30 PM. The council has not hosted a 3rd degree in a number of years. Please make every effort to attend this important event. Coat and tie are mandatory for candidates and all in attendance are encouraged to dress in this fashion as well.

The month of December is busy as well with the Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Basket giveaway and Member's Christmas Party. Please see the calendar of events for more information on these and other important functions for the months of November and December.

Brother Knight Steve Babst, our membership chairman is in process of coordinating our next membership drive with Father Hennelly at Queen of the Universe. I would like to ask members of our council who attend Queen of the Universe become involved with this recruitment effort so we can continue to grow our organization. Finally, please see DGK Alan Wersler's article and advertisement for the cookbook sale. This will be a very important fundraiser for the council as we were a little short on profit from the golf outing and this money will be needed to continue our good works in the community. Please take the opportunity to sell/buy as many of these cookbooks as you can.

In closing, on behalf of Dorothy and me, I want to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish to give thanks to all our brave men and women in the armed forces and pray for their safe and speedy return home. Please pray for those soldiers who gave their lives for our freedom and their families.

Vivat Jesus,
Tom Callahan, Grand Knight

Chaplains' Message

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lists are: man employing his faculties for his own use, a right to the air, water and earth, which shows how basic and fundamental these natural rights were according to Witherspoon. Witherspoon follows Francis Hutcheson in listing these perfect rights which first were present in the natural state of man before the social contract.

Hutcheson called these natural rights, rights of the perfect sort and lists as the first of these rights a right to life and safety. 2 Witherspoon includes the right to life among the political protections which the state must safeguard.

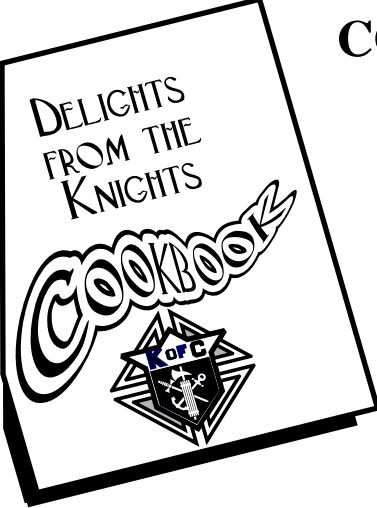
Witherspoon's list of man's perfect rights in the civil state after the natural state is left behind, which are guaranteed full protection under the social contract, is as follows:

- 1) a right to life;
- 2) a right to employ his faculties and industry for his own use;
- 3) a right to things common and necessary, as air, water, earth;
- 4) a right to personal liberty;
- 5) a power over his own life;
- 6) a right to private judgment in matters of opinion;
- 7) a right to associate with any person or persons;
- 8) a right to character. 3

These rights, with the right to life at the top of Witherspoon's list, originate from the state of nature and are protected by the social contract which formed civil society. They are the natural rights which everyone enjoys and are the perfect rights of every individual person within the state after the social contract and society have been accepted and founded, respectively.

"It is easy to perceive that all these rights belong to a state of natural liberty, and that it would be unjust and unequal for any individual to hinder or abridge another in any one of them, without consent, or unless it be in just retaliation for injury received."

Fr. Edward Kelty, Chaplain, S.K.



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Columbus Day / Past Grands Knights Dinner Dance - October 9th, 2011



United States Congressman, Mike Fitzpatrick presents immediate past grand knight, Jim Price, a United States flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol building.



Jim Price Presented the "Grand Knight's Award" for 2010-11 to Past Grand Knight, Vince Haggerty in honor of his loyal service to the council and to the Grand Knight.



Tom Callahan (Left) presents PGK Jim Price with one of several official County, State and U.S. Proclamations in recognition of his 3 years of outstanding service as Grand Knight.

Gina Price with husband Jim Price as he is presented with his Past Grand Knights ring in honor of his 3 years of service as Council Grand Knight.



Past Grand Knights (Left to Right): George Walter, Vince Haggerty, Tom Gallagher, Tom Callahan, Grand Knight, John Stancker, Jim Price, Mark Kronberger, Al Pillich and Ken Harkanson.



Chuck Moser (Left) and Terry Hughes (not pictured) were both awarded "Knight of the Year" for 2010-11 by Tom Callahan, GK.

3rd ANNUAL CAR SHOW - October 23rd, 2011



Thank you to member volunteers Rich Young and Steve Bapst (left), and event Chairman Mark Kronberger, PGK. Also thanks to Mike Cauto (Lawn cutting) and Rick Carlson (Sponsor Sales). There were well over 100 cars entered into judging. The "Top 40" and "Best of" 10 specialty categories were awarded trophies. Thanks to our host car club "Movin On Cruzers" for show promotion and car judging led by Frank and Bobbie Ifkowitz.



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The "Knight's Choice" Trophy was won by Tom P. Hynes (Above) for his 2002 Corvette ZO6 with custom paint dedicated to the Knights of Columbus (shown below). Tom is also a member of Council #4279 St. Charles Borromeo.

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