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Chaplain's Message

Father Edward Kelty

We did not hear from our Worth Chaplain this month. I ask that you continue to keep him in your prayers over the coming months while he does the Lord's work in Rome.



In Memoriam

Brother Joseph M. Ferry
Life Member
1930 – 2014

Brother Robert J. Mc Cartney
Life Member
1936 – 2014

Sir Knight Bernard Brennan
Regular Member
1955 – 2014

Brother Frank Feoli
Life Member
1938 – 2014

Grand Knight's Message

Furman Miles

Worthy Brothers,

My Brothers and Council Community, Happy New Year. What a fantastic story we wrote as a Council in 2014. It's a story where we accomplished many wonderful things. Over 100 food and gift baskets were delivered to struggling local families, making their Christmas a little brighter. 150 new coats were distributed to children in need around the community. In November, we invited several area seniors who rarely enjoy the company of others to our Council Home for a Thanksgiving meal, along with entertainment from a local a Capella group. Earlier in that month, we provided comfort to 35 families who lost their loved ones last year with a memorial Mass honoring their legacy, followed by a meal together. In October we, along with the OLG ProLife Ministry, raised \$6,000.00 in a bottle drive benefiting The Legacy of Life Foundation which helps young women in distress from unplanned pregnancy, abusive relationships, drug addiction, and housing issues. Our 2014 Council story is one written together as a team, and is far better than one we could ever write as individuals. It also transcends deeper than giving turkeys, gifts, coats, and holiday meals. In letting the community know there's someone out there thinking of them, we're providing more, we're sharing the virtuous and uplifting gifts of encouragement, faith, hope, and love to folks that many have forgotten. These are the attributes that really define us a Council. I'm looking forward to continuing our great story in 2015.

It seems timely that we just celebrated the liturgy of the Holy Family this past weekend in Mass that we will be coming together next fall with the Holy Father to celebrate The World Meeting of Families. Strong families of Faith in our country are imperative to our society and this conference should provide direction on strengthening the grace of the family. This obviously is a monumental area event that will bring the whole diocese and world converging on the city. We will be appointing a committee later this month to see how St. Joseph the Worker best fits in supporting this historical event. Please stay tuned to future newsletters on how to get involved.

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Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2014 - 2015

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Chaplain: Father Edward Kelty
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Chancellor: Terry Hughes
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Treasurer: Ed Patton
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Inside Guard: VACANT
Outside Guard: Dan Tisak, Joe Jones
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Two Year Trustee: Gordon Cumberland
Three Year Trustee: John Stancker, PGK, FDD

Home Association Message

Alan Wersler, PGK

Lots of things going on at the Nest. Curly continues to create great food. My continued thanks to those of you who continue to support the home association. For those that have yet to have the chance, we have a lot of things going on this fall at the Nest. Join us throughout the week for our daily specials and on Thursdays start your weekend off by joining us for Quizzo from 7-9, live entertainment Friday and some Saturday nights from 8-12, and of course Flyers and Sixer's action on one many of the HD TVs.

We have recently started a new fundraiser in the home. The Home will be raffling off 2 Kenny Chesney concert tickets for the Kenny Chesney concert on July 11, 2015 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philly. We will be selling 100 tickets at \$20 a ticket. The tickets are for Section 102, so they are excellent tickets. If you wish to purchase a ticket, please contact me or one of the bartenders at the bar. All proceeds raised will go to the SJW Home Assoc. Bldg fund.

It has recently come to my attention that there are several rumors circulating about the financial status of the council home. A lot of these rumors contain erroneous information. **At January's home meeting, we will be detailing a complete report of the council finances for the past 7 years, so everyone can have an accurate picture of the home's current financial status from this year, as well as previous years.** At this meeting, we will also be soliciting ideas to help fund the council home going forward. I urge you to be there. This meeting will be held in the downstairs hall to accommodate our members that cannot climb stairs.

In closing I want to say this is your home too and if there is any band or DJ or entertainment that you would like to see

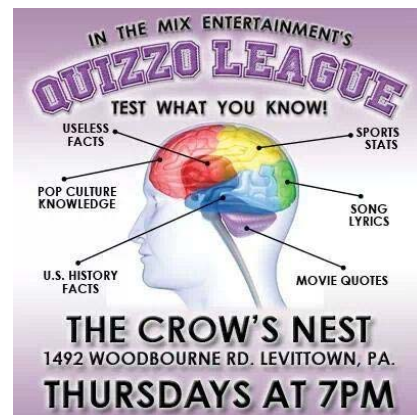
please contact me, so stop on up, get involved and be part of history that makes our Club second to none!!

Cheers,

Alan Wersler, PGK
President, SJW Home Assoc.

For the entertainment schedule, please visit the home association page at www.kofc4215.com for more details.

Please come out and support the home and try some of Curly's fantastic cooking. Come see some of the new things going on at the YOUR Home!



We may be moving Quizzo to Saturdays – stayed tuned for more information.

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



Come Play Bingo

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

Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner



Senior's Thanksgiving Dinner. The Council hosted the event that invites local area Senior's to come and enjoy a fantastic Thanksgiving meal and entertainment by the Bucks-Mont Squires Music Group. This event allows our local seniors the rare occasion to come out and enjoy the company of others in the community. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help, along with all our supporters of the charity fund that makes events like this possible. Check out all the photos on our Facebook page at www.facebook/koc4215.

We have recently started a Squires program in our District for young men ages 10-17. The Squires group will be doing community projects and partaking in fun outings throughout the year. The program is designed to get young men positively involved in the community where they can learn the principles and acquire the attributes to make them successful in life as adults. With any question regarding this program please reach out to PGK, DD Ken Harkanson.

Finally please continue to come out and support the Home. I need for each local member of our Council to come by at least once a week for a fabulous dinner and drinks. Also please attend each Home meeting the second Tuesday of the month 7pm in the Charter Room. The Home is a feature of our Council that makes us unique. Its success or failure is completely dependent on each and every one of us.

Vivat Jesus,

Note: Inside Guard Steve Hasson has resigned his position as within the council due to personal commitments. Please attend the business meeting if you wish to nominate someone for this position. For more information, please contact the Grand Knight.

Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

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





District News and Events

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Christmas Holidays and are looking forward to a Great New Year! Looking back on last year this District has been able to accomplish a great deal. Each and every Council has been extremely active recruiting new members, participating in all the programs that are offered and helping in all of our communities. We have had several Degrees to bring in new members and Father McCafferty Council was able to achieve Star Council last year! I am hoping that two or three of our Councils are able to be Star Councils this year and at least two of them are on track so far.

All of our Councils have been active in food drives and the Coats for Kids program for those less fortunate and I think we are really making a difference in the community. We will be activating the Squires Program in the next month within the District and that is something each of us should be happy about. This will help us to be involved with a great youth program and have potential future members when they are old enough. These are just a few of the many accomplishments each of our Councils has to be proud of this past year as it would take too much space to mention everything.

Looking forward to the year ahead we still have much work to do. We have a First Degree scheduled for Thursday, January 15 at Saint Joseph the Worker Council. Candidates should report at 7 PM and the Degree will start at 7:30 PM. We will have a Second Degree sometime in the middle of February leading up to our Third Degree on Sunday, February 22 at Saint Joseph the Worker Council. Candidates will report at 2:30 PM and the Degree will take place at 3 PM.

Please make sure to ask any prospective members if they want to join our Order. I am sure there are many Catholic gentlemen who would like to be a part of our great organization and only need to be asked. Our District Free Throw Contest will take place at Saint Frances Cabrini Gym on Sunday, January 25 at 2 PM so please schedule your Council Free Throw Contests accordingly. We will have our Quarterly District Meeting on Monday, January 19 at 7:30 PM at Saint Joseph the Worker Council.

In closing I would like to say I am extremely proud to be the District Deputy of such a hardworking and active District and I will continue to work hard for the Councils as I think we are the best District in the Order.

Ken Harkanson, PGK – District Deputy – District 16

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

1/6/2015	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Hall
1/10/2015	Remove Keep Christ in Christmas Signs – 9 AM
1/13/2015	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM – Council Hall
1/15/2015	1 st Degree – 7:30 PM – Council Hall
1/18/2015	Council Free Throw Contest – Saint Frances Cabrini Gym – 2PM
1/20/2015	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
1/25/2015	District Free Throw Contest – Saint Frances Cabrini Gym – 2PM
1/27/2015	Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room

February

2/3/2015	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Chambers
2/10/2015	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
2/17/2015	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
2/22/2015	3 rd Degree – Council Hall – 3:00 PM
2/24/2015	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room
2/28/2015	Veterans Beef and Beer – 6 PM – Crow's Nest

March

3/3/2015	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM
3/10/2015	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
3/17/2015	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
3/24/2015	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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Christmas Gift Baskets



Christmas Gift Baskets- over 40 Members and Friends woke before daybreak on Saturday December 20th to organize and deliver 100 food and gift baskets to families that need a little help in Lower Bucks County. Read more about the event in the December 21st article in the Bucks County Courier Times;

http://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/news/communities/langhorne/service-organizations-a-blessing-for-families-in-need-during-the/article_4da85936-823a-5545-8c7a-9e00c92c3910.html#.VJbKqD7EcuI.mailto

A BIG thank you goes out to Joe Jones and Terry Hughes for directing this wonderful event.

Kids Christmas Party



Kids Christmas Party- was held December 13th up in The Nest. Over 40 children converged on the Council Home to enjoy all the festivities of; pony rides, balloon art, crafts, Christmas music, videos, Santa, and even the mean old Grinch paid them a visit. (Who was later required to unwillingly leave the party). Thanks to Debbie Miles and Gina Price for organizing this fun event. Check out all the great photos by Mark Cordero on our Facebook page at facebook/koc4215.

WPVI Channel 6 Mass



WPVI Channel 6 Mass. The Council Members and their families participated in a filmed television Mass that was taped on December 14th and was aired on the same station December 21st and 28th. Participants also were able to tour the studios after the masses and try out their broadcasting skills. The event was a lot of fun. Thanks to PGK John Fidishun for setting up this outing. Check out all the photos on our Facebook Page; facebook/koc4215

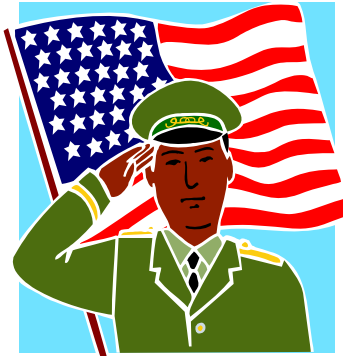
Keep Christ in Christmas



MERRY CHRISTMAS.....There We Said It!

Council Members spent the morning of November 29th placing 8 "Keep Christ in Christmas Signs" and one Manger Scene up though out the area. Reminding the community the Real Reason for the Season! We hope that you and yours had a very blessed Christmas! We will be taking the signs down on January 10th 9am, meeting at the Council grounds please come out to help if you can.

VETERAN'S HOME BEEF AND BEER



**Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 6 – 11 PM
K of C, 1492 Woodbourne Rd, Levittown, PA
\$25.00 per ticket**

**All proceeds to benefit the
Delaware Valley Veterans Home**

Contact PGK Jim Price at (215) 943-5865 or PGK Alan Wersler (215) 943-5005 for more information or tickets

Pro Life Report

Tom McLaughlin

On December 5, 2014, a group of 60+ parliamentarian from 20 countries in Africa, North and South America, and Europe sign the Declaration on the Right Of the Family at the U.N. The belief is supporting family as the natural and fundamental unit of Society and that everyone has the inherent right to life, commencing from the moment of conception to natural death. It was spearheaded by Hungary representatives.

Small steps for the CR omnibus bill. The Weldon Amendment prohibit coverage of abortion by employers and churches. It was attached to the Labor, Health and Human Services appropriation bill. Explanatory language was included to pass the Abortion Non Discrimination Act (ANDA). Thus, the Weldon Amendment is now permanent.

The steps are in the right direction in protecting the unborn and the right of conscious for prolife individuals and organizations. Pope Francis states that marriage is between man and women and an inherent child right for a family. Tim Tebow is 27 year old whose mother chose life instead of a recommended abortion. Tim Tebow is now opening a hospital in the Phillipines as a testament to that right to life.



Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

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Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman

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