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Worthy Chaplain's Message

Father Edward Kelty

Father Kelty could not provide an article this month. Please continue to pray for our Holy Catholic Church, our Supreme Pontiff and our Bishops and Priests.



In Memoriam

Brother Michael Levitsky
Life Member
1931 – 2014

Sir Knight Mitchell M. Shiota
Life Member
1931 – 2014

Brother David P. O'Callaghan
Life Member
1928 – 2014

Brother Albert J. Sutter Jr
Regular Member
1951 – 2014

Grand Knight's Message

Alan Wersler

Worthy Brothers,

This year seems to be flying by and I am sure that everyone has had enough of this endless winter and is ready for spring!! As most everyone is aware of, the parish merger recommendations are in as of March 10, 2014 and will be submitted to the Archbishop for his approval. As of right now St. Josephs parish will be merging with St. Frances Cabrini, and Immaculate Conception will merge with Queen of the Universe but will remain open as designated worship sites for 1 year. I never would imagine that our community would ever close a church, let alone close 2 of them and combine parishes together, but that is the case when the Archdiocese sees a sharp decline in mass attendance, school enrolment and overall non participation in our faith. Those factors will also play a role in our council and its future; we also see that same trend. This year I have received nearly 70 members who are up for suspension for non-payment of dues, and have only taken in 3 new members so far. In order for our organization to continue successfully is by your continued support both financially and by your involvement. I know it's tough to make every event with our work schedule and family events but try and pick something and get involved, if you haven't be to a business meeting in a while maybe plan on attending, or join us for social night some month the food is always fantastic and it's always good to see someone who hasn't been around in a bit, it's like seeing a family member who has been away and returns, it's good times all over again.

There is also a new 4th Degree Assembly being formed for all the fourth degree members that should be up and running before the next 4th degree ceremony that will be held this coming Memorial day. Any 4th degree member can remain with St John Neumann assembly or be a part of the new assembly. I am sure details will be available shortly and I will pass them along.

At this year's caucus we will be nominating Art Russo for state warden, a position with the state council. Art is a member of our great council and will do a great job as he has always done in the past. Art was very involved with the 3rd Degree

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Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2013-2014

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Chaplain: Father Edward Kelty
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Deputy Grand Knight: Furman Miles
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District News and Events

The bus trip to New Haven will be on Sunday June 22nd. We will leave from Saint Joseph the Worker Council's parking lot at 7 AM and return around 8 PM. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 per person and will include the bus ride, lunch and snacks on the bus. I want to thank all the District Councils for contributing \$150.00 each to offset the cost of lunch. If you are interested in joining us please let me know right away as there are a limited number of seats.

We are in the planning stages of a wine tasting tour at Sand Castle Winery. Our District Warden, Eric Miller is working on the details which will be in a future article. This should prove to be a great chance for us to get together for a fun afternoon or evening.

The Icon of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception will be here soon. It will arrive in our District on May 14th and we are scheduled to have it until May 25th. We need to ask our Pastors when their Parish would like to host the Icon since we only have it for a short time.

By now the Caucus will have already taken place and the State Convention will be at the Doubletree in King of Prussia from May 2nd to May 4th.

We are still trying to schedule a Third Degree before the Fourth Degree in May. As soon as we get a date we will let all the councils know. Our next District Meeting will be on May 5th.

Ken Harkanson, PGK – District Deputy

Home Association Executive updates:

Denny Eisenbrey - President
Gordon Cumberland - Vice President
Pete Williams - Treasurer
Dominic Campellone - Secretary

Home Ass'n Board of Directors – Newly Elected Members

Ray Chapman
Denny Lord

March Entertainment at the Nest - Weekends:

- March 7 - Nannydust
- March 8 - DJ Jimmy "K"
- March 14 - The Blue Meanies Beatles Tribute Band
- March 15 - A.O.H. St. Patty's Party
- March 21 - Nannydust
- March 22 - Team Chappy Party
- March 28 - Ashley Vitale Live
- March 29 - DJ Jimmy "K"



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Icon

Alhambra Al Fath #126

The Alhambra Al Fath #126, Knights of Columbus would like to thank all members of the Council and Home Association who supported and helped the annual Valentine Charity Ball in February to benefit "God's Special Children" a success.

The Sultana's would like to invite you to their annual Tea on May 4th, 2014. Tickets can be obtained from any Sultana member or contact Barbara 267-994-8375. Cost of ticket will be \$25 for an afternoon of tea, finger sandwiches, hat contest, and fun.

Also, a Flea Market is being planned by the Sultana's for September 20, 2014. We are interested in signing on venders, cost will be \$15 per space. For more information please contact Barbara at 267-994-8375.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

3/4/2014	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM - Charter Room
3/11/2014	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
3/18/2014	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
3/25/2014	Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room

April

4/1/2014	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM
4/8/2014	Home Assn. Meet at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
4/15/2014	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
4/29/2014	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

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and many of you will recognize him from his various roles he did with that degree team. Good Luck Art and I know you will do an amazing job there if elected.

In closing, I hope everyone has reflected during this Lenten season and remember what our Lord and Savior has done for each and every one of us, to make a path for eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Please pray for our Clergy in this time of transition, our military, our first responders, and our sick and deceased brothers that they may have the protection and comfort of the Holy Spirit with them.

Vivat Jesus!!

Alan J Wersler, Grand Knight

Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Albert Bonczyk
David O'Callahan
Frank O'Malley
Frank Orlando
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Pro Life Report

Tom McLaughlin

The UN Committee has **told** the Catholic Church it has to change its teaching to comply with the UN Committee. It consists of fornication, contraceptives, homosexuality, family and abortion and has to go.

Population planners are encouraging promiscuity. Single parent's mothers and destruction of the basic society unit-the family. The Affordable Health care Plan has high deductibles for having a child delivered. Therefore abortion is the more affordable option. Margaret Sanger is the vanguard of this philosophy. Our past secretary of state and House speaker are proud women who received the Margaret Sanger Award. Life begins at conception. Down syndrome child is targeted as number one cause for having an abortion.

Euthanasia philosophy is gaining acceptance as Belgium approves this procedure on children. Senior citizens are the next death with dignity goal for full acceptance worldwide.

The definition of a family is being change by the Supreme Court judges of the states throughout our country. You are being told what TRUTH is, what freedom is and your religious values are "politically incorrect".

Please go to www.defendthevatican.org and sign the petition to support the Holy See. - Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute.



Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

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Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman

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