



The Vessel



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January – March 2016

Chaplain's Message

Father Edward Kelty

Our chaplain did not have time to pen an article this month. Please continue to pray to the venerable Father McGivney. Continue to pray the rosary as well.

In Memoriam

Brother Thomas J. Radziunas
Life Member
1928 – 2015

Brother Elmer H. Wiley
Life Member
1925 – 2015

Sir Knight Albert R. Bonczyk
Life Member
1927 – 2015

Brother Daniel J. Donnelly
Life Member
1924 – 2015

Brother Michael A. Mariani
Regular Member
1961 – 2016



Grand Knight's Message

Furman Miles

Worthy Brothers,

Happy New Year. Through the grace of God, a lot of support, and teamwork our Council had a terrific 2015. Working together with our community partners we completed many charitable and uplifting projects that benefited many, and helped strengthen relationships in the area. Some examples included 100 food and gift baskets were delivered to struggling local families, making their Christmas a little brighter. Nearly 200 new coats distributed to children in need throughout the community. Big thanks to Terry and Liz Hughes for directing those projects and all the volunteers for supporting them. In addition, in conjunction with the Christmas Gift Baskets, the Council delivered 50 pairs of athletic pants to Veterans at The Delaware Valley Veterans Home.

In November we shared an important message to the community to keep Christ in Christmas by posting 8 signs and a manger scene throughout busy areas in Lower Bucks County. Around Thanksgiving we invited several area seniors groups and veterans who rarely enjoy the company of others to our Council Home for a Thanksgiving meal, along with entertainment from a local capalla group. Thanks to Mark Cordero for coordinating that event. Earlier in that month, we provided comfort to 35 families who lost their loved one's last year with a memorial Mass honoring their legacy, followed by a meal together.

In October Bill Chase and John Merrick lead a work party securing an earlier donated gazebo at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home with footings, a composite base, along with grading and seeding work. Many of these events/projects along with further details, and links to social media and local coverage in the Bucks County Courier Times are featured on our events page of this a publication. Spend some time checking them out.

As we begin a new calendar I want to thank all our officers, members, volunteers, and community partners for their support in helping the Council accomplish our many goals in our mission.

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Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

David O'Callahan
Bill Anderson



Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2015 - 2016

Grand Knight: Furman Miles
Chaplain: Father Edward Kelty
Financial Secretary: Jim Price, PGK
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Officers for the SJW Home Assn Board of Directors

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We continuously struggle to make ends meet financially at the Nest. There is currently a committee in place to come up with alternatives to raise needed income. While that committee has come up with a couple of ideas, we have yet to come close to bridging the gap in income vs. expenses that we incur. Without solutions, we are in jeopardy of having the Nest close. Anyone with ideas, please contact me. In the interim, we need your patronage.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Vivat Jesus,

Alan Wersler, PGK, Home President

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

Jubilee Year of Mercy

From the Holy Father, through Bishop Kurt and his designate, Fr. Higgins, to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the Holy Door at the Church has been blessed and dedicated for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Catholic faithful who pass through this door during this Holy Year of Mercy will gain plenary indulgences for themselves and for intercession of others provided that:

1. Three "Our Fathers", three "Hail Mary's" and three "Glory Be to the Father" are prayed for the intention of the Holy Father at each visit.
2. The faithful receive the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist within a reasonable time of the visit.

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. One confession may serve several visits, but receiving the Holy Eucharist and prayers for the Holy Father, are necessary for each visit to gain each plenary indulgence.

You and your family are welcome to visit OLPH to receive these graces. Sunday liturgy is 11 am. The church will be open during other times for visits. OLPH also will have special Penance Services with visiting priests during the Holy Year.

Fraternally,

Dr. Daniel J. Tisak, Trustee



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2016

1/5/2016	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Hall
1/9/2016	Sign Removal – 9:00 AM
1/12/2016	Home Assn. Meeting at 7:00 PM – Nest
1/14/2016	1 st Degree – St. John's: 7:30 PM
1/19/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
1/26/2016	Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM - Charter Room
1/31/2016	Free Throw Tournament – St. Frances Cabrini Gymnasium – 1:00 – 4:00 PM

February 2016

2/2/2016	Business Meeting; 8:00 PM – Council Chambers
2/9/2016	Home Assn. Meet at 7:00 PM - Charter Room
2/13/2016	Valentines Dance for God's Special Children – 7:00 PM in the Nest
2/16/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
2/23/2016	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

March 2016

3/1/2016	Business Meeting at 8:00 PM
3/8/2016	Home Assn. Meet at 7:00 PM - Charter Room
3/15/2016	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
3/29/2016	Officer's meeting 7:00 PM - Charter Room

Free Throw Tournament

Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. All competition starts at the local level. Winners move on to the district, regional, and state or provincial levels. From there, some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group. If interested, please come out on January 31, 2016 at St. Frances Cabrini Gym from 1 – 4 PM.

Jim Price, PGK

Free Throw Tournament Coordinator



Looking ahead in 2016 we need to continue channeling our efforts in growing and retaining membership, as well as fundraising. This will allow us to continue all the meritorious work mentioned above. I would challenge our membership to reach out someone they might know who would benefit from becoming a member of our order and ask them to step up.

Our largest fundraiser is the golf outing which is set for June 10th at Bensalem Country Club. Please consider supporting this, through participation, sponsorship or volunteering. The success of this event along with membership directly effects how much we can budget for our charity work in the Fall.

Our Home Association incepted a new fundraising committee in November. They meet Monday evenings 7pm in the Nest. The committee has already generated several productive ideas to raise, and or save monies for our Home Association. Please continue to support our Home; through your patronage, participation, and ideas. Our Home is where much of our good work takes place as a Council.

Vivat Jesus,

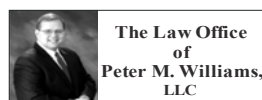
COAL Tickets

Thank you for all your support with the COAL program. While we had no winners this year, the K of C appreciates your support.

Ed Patton

COAL Chairman

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Christmas Gift Baskets 2015

The council delivered 100 gift and food baskets to local families that needed a little help this Christmas. In addition, there was a delivery of 50 athletic pants to the Delaware Valley Veterans Home in Northeast Philadelphia to be distributed to the residences there. Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and community partners who contributed to this event. Huge kudos to Terry and Liz Hughes for directing this event as well as "Coats for Kids" in which the council distributed over 180 coats into the community!
<http://www.kofc4215.com/2015%20Christmas%20Gift%20Basket%20Article.pdf>



Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner 2015

The council hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for area veterans and seniors on Sunday November 15th 2015. It was a privilege and pleasure to give back a little, and give thanks to those who served our country and community so well over the years! Link to the Courier coverage <http://www.kofc4215.com/Courier%20Article%20on%20Seniors%20...>

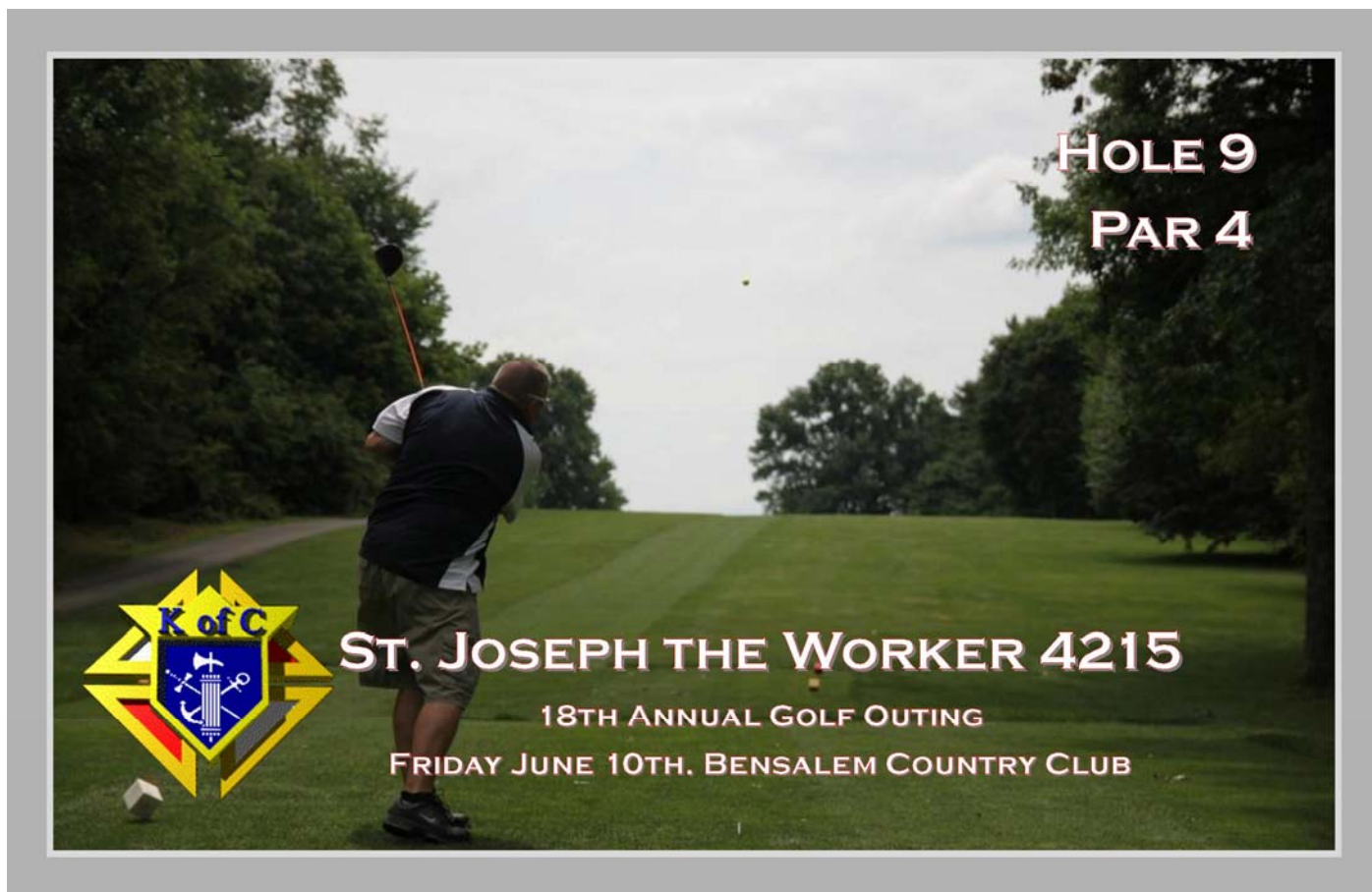
To see all the photos click here

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2016 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Save the date!



Meetings have begun as this is our largest fundraiser in the council during the fraternal year. If you want to be involved in this important fundraiser, please reach out to Tom Gallagher, PGK, FDD.



Delaware Valley Veterans Home Work Project

Council members spent the day on October 31st at the Delaware Valley Veterans home putting in footers on an earlier donated gazebo. They also placed PVC clapboard around the base and seeded the area around the structure. Nice Job guys!
To see photos, click here-

<https://www.facebook.com/KoC4215/photos/pcb.1038107506229065/1038106179562531/?type=3&theater>



Pro Life Report

Tom McLaughlin

On December 18, 2015 the OMMINBUS BILL was pass by the House in Congress. Planned Parenthood is fully funded to dissect young living babies for body parts. Unfortunately, the “Frankenstein” mentality has flourished as a normal medical procedure. Humans being treated as a medical test is now policy; animal rights supersedes human beings. Euthanasia is the way to curtail entitlements?

Young women accepting Planned Parenthood philosophy of pregnancy is a disease, and birth control is “cool” and an accepted practice. Abortion is super: can you believe this is what is thought by a majority of our citizens!

The 40 Days for Life Campaign begins February 10th 2016.

A culture of life will help save our country. The Star of Bethlehem is real to light the world to Jesus birth. The planets in the Milky Way galaxy help the Magi's, who were of Abraham's decent, to interpret the planets of Mars, Saturn and Jupiter. Jupiter was the star of Jesus. (Astromony News Biblical Star 2015). Peace on earth begins with me and all of us.



Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney
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Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman

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