



The Vessel



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St Joseph the Worker, Council #4215

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Chaplain's Message

Father Ed Cimbala

We have a new chaplain for our council. His name is Father Ed Cimbala and he is the new pastor for Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please take a minute to pray for him in this new role. We hope to have an article from him for the next edition.

In Memoriam

Thomas M O'Brien, Life Member
1921-2017

Sir Knight Gerald C Johnson, Regular Member
1956 – 2016

Joseph W Stines, Life Member
1935 – 2016

Sir Knight John M Fidishun, Life Member
1933 – 2016

Sir Knight Edward E Daley, Life Member
1939 – 2016

Grand Knight's Message

Joe Jones

Brothers,

Here we are in 2017 and I hope your Christmas and New Years were the happiest and healthiest possible and I wish the same for all of you in this new year.

But, before I look forward, I want to quickly look back and thank everyone for making the first six months of my tenure as Grand Knight a very blessed one.

We have done so much, especially from September on, in holding events that promoted family and friendships as well as serving our community and those less fortunate.

From bringing back our council picnic in September to once again making Christmas for many struggling local families a little brighter with our Christmas Food Basket and Adopt A Family program - and so much more done in between those two events - we truly promote the core values of the Knights of Columbus.

And we will be busy during the first half of 2017, highlighted by a Beef N Beer to raise funds for the Delaware Valley Veterans Nursing Home on March 4, from 7-11 p.m. in the Nest, to our biggest fundraiser of the year - our annual golf outing to be held on June 23,2017 at the Bensalem Country Club.

The golf outing goes a long way in generating revenue to allow us to do all the good we do.

And we can do so much more, but we need help from more of our members.

For those of you who aren't very involved these days, think about picking at least one event that you are going to become actively involved with and just do it.

This council continues to flourish because it possesses a core group of members who are tireless in their passion to make sure that what St. Joseph the Worker Council #4215 has been able to accomplish in the past, and has earned a fantastic reputation for what it has done for the last 60 years, it is able to accomplish now.

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Sick and Visitation

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Anne Stancker
Tom Gallagher, Sr



Council Officers for Fraternal Year 2016-2017

Grand Knight: Joe Jones
Chaplain: Father Cimbala
Financial Secretary: Jim Price, PGK, DW
Deputy Grand Knight: Dan Tisak
Chancellor: Terry Hughes
Recorder: Mark Tate
Treasurer: Ed Patton
Advocate: Tom Gallagher, PGK, DD
Warden: Bill Chase
Inside Guard: Marty Miller
Outside Guard: John Merrick, John Harrigan
One Year Trustee: Furman Miles, PGK
Two Year Trustee: John Stancker, PGK, FDD
Three Year Trustee: Charles Shaw
Delegate: Open
Alt Delegate: Jim Price, PGK, DW

Officers for the SJW Home Assn Board of Directors

President: George Dranginis
Vice President: Hazelett Gallagher
Secretary: OPEN
Treasurer: Carl Salega

The home association continues to struggle with its finances.
Please try to frequent the home whenever you can.



Deputy Grand Knight's Message

More Spacious Than the Heavens

I like to attend daily liturgy whenever I can. As I joined a group walking to church recently, one person turned to me and said, "You know, the reason why people don't go to daily Mass is because they don't believe that the Eucharist is Jesus Christ." That comment floored me. I was speechless. How could this be? The Holy Eucharist is truly the precious and most holy body and blood of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ which we receive for the remission of our sins and for life everlasting. This fact is a central tenant of our faith. How could it be some people who profess to be Catholic would not accept so great a Mystery?

Maybe in part it's our attitude that may contribute to this disbelief if we appear to receive so great a gift so lightly as if Holy Communion was a "grab and go" casual meal. Do we receive worthily, that is do we prepare ourselves beforehand through fasting and prayer so that our "fiat", our "yes" to God would be said loud and clear? Do we approach the altar to receive with reverence, care and awe? Do we spend time with God afterwards, thanking Him for so great a gift while meditating on His righteousness?

The Ark of the Covenant within the Holy of Holies contained relics of God's Word. Yet we have Christ the Living Word in the Eucharist Who makes Himself food for our salvation. This Christmas, may we approach with the fear of God and faith to receive He Who Is, the One Who was conceived in the Virgin's womb, making it more spacious than the Heavens and Who now waits for us in that Blessed Sacrament, so as to make us the throne of His Glory as it was so at the Manger in Bethlehem.

Mark Your Calendars!

The council's free-throw tournament, for girls and boys ages 9-14, will be Saturday, Feb. 11, 3-6 p.m. in the St. Frances Cabrini gym.

Winners will advance to the district tournament on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 1-3 p.m. also in Cabrini's gym.

Any interest or questions, please contact Joe Jones, Grand Knight, at gizmo07@comcast.net.

The Knights of Columbus St. Joseph the Worker Council #4215 will be holding a Beef N Beer to benefit the Delaware Valley Veterans' Nursing Home on Saturday, March 4, from 7-11 pm, in the Crow's Nest, 1492 Woodbourne Road in Middletown Township.

Tickets are \$30/person and include a buffet dinner featuring roast beef and sausage and peppers and selected beer, wine and soda.

There will also be a basket auction and a 50/50 drawing, plus much more.

For tickets or further information please contact Joe Jones, Grand Knight, at gizmo07@comcast.net.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2017

02/07/2017	Officers Meeting 7:00 pm at the Autumn Room Council Business Meeting, Rosary 7:40 pm, meeting to follow
02/11/2017	Council Free-throw Tournament 3:00 – 6:00 pm St Francis Cabrini Gym – Ages 9-14
02/19/2017	District Free-throw Tournament 1:00-3:00 pm St Francis Cabrini Gym
02/21/2017	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
02/28/2017	Home Assoc. Meeting 7:00 pm – Autumn Room

March 2017

03/04/2017	Veteran's Beef & Beer 7:00-11:00 pm - the Nest
03/07/2017	Officers Meeting 7:00 pm at the Autumn Room Council Business Meeting, Rosary 7:40 pm, meeting to follow
03/21/2017	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
03/28/2017	Home Assoc. Meeting 7:00 pm – Autumn Room

April 2017

04/04/2017	Officers Meeting 7:00 pm at the Autumn Room Council Business Meeting, Rosary 7:40 pm, meeting to follow
04/08/2017	Easter Egg Hunt on the Council Grounds (tent.)
04/18/2017	Social Night at 6:30 PM - Crow's Nest
04/25/2017	Home Assoc. Meeting 7:00 pm – Autumn Room

Our success doesn't come easy. It rarely does for anyone or any organization. But the feeling you get when you see the fruits of our labors, makes all the hard work worth every single second and every drop of sweat that goes into it.

We enter 2017 facing some significant challenges, especially when it comes to our Home situation. But, we forge forward and pledge to do what is in the best interest of the council and its membership.

We are confident that we will follow the right path. A path that will be given to us by our God after we quietly listen to His Divine Wisdom.

It has truly been my honor to be your Grand Knight the last six months of 2016 and I hope that I have, at the very least, not disappointed you, my brothers. Because at the end of the day, I am accountable to each and every one of you.

May God Bless all of you and those you hold dear.

Vivat Jesus!

Joe Jones

Grand Knight

St. Joseph the Worker Council #4215



The Knights of Columbus, and St. Joseph the Worker the Council #4215, lost one of its true giants and icons with the passing of Sir Knight John Fidishun on November 20, 2016.

He was 83.

John was a Past Grand Knight of this council and held many positions within the council and on the district and state levels.

John was always willing to share the history of the council and offer his advice and opinions.

He will be sorely missed.

Pro Life Report

Tom McLaughlin

Some Thoughts:

- The culture of death delayed the passage of funds for the Zika Virus Research. The funds are on hold due to objection of one party demanding full funding of PLANNED PARENTHOOD. Their goal is aborting all babies with the virus and using their baby parts when applicable for sale.
- Our current election will be paramount for the prolife movement. One candidate is Pro Life and has stated that he will nominate judges that support the prolife movement. The other candidate has indicated that she is strongly Pro Choice and will nominate judges

- that support that position. Which one will you vote for?

LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION!

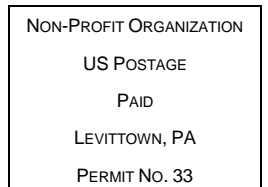


Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

HELP PRO LIFE SUCCEED!

Tom McLaughlin, Pro-Life Chairman

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