



St. Elizabeth Council



#13141

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!!!!REMINDER!!!!
Dues are due in January

Correction to Council Officers List

Following is a correction and update to the Council officers list as reported last month.

The 2yr Trustee position was incorrectly reported as Jim Smith. The 2YR Trustee is Ed Smith.

Chuck Zidel resigned as Warden. Chris Ruggerio has been nominated to fill this position by the Grand Knight. A council vote for induction will be on the January agenda.

Profiles of the Month

Written by John Batt/ Jim Smith

Beginning with a meeting in the summer of 2001 with Monsignor Mullin, the initial foundation for establishing a Council began. Then through ongoing meetings, a recruiting drive, and an unofficial Council meeting, a First Degree induction was held at Monsignor Fenerty Council (7208). Our leaders were then able to obtain a

Charter from the Knights of Columbus. We truly appreciate the efforts and guidance of Ray Williams, Peter Caruso, Phil Forlano and others who have been instrumental in bringing about the formation of the St. Elizabeth Council.

In recognition of this effort we are going to profile our founders in the next few issues of our newsletter. This month's issue profiles the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight.

Grand Knight



Peter Caruso

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Our GK joined the Knights in December of 1990 at the Immaculata Council in Philadelphia. Peter received the 1st degree in January 1991 and went on to 4th degree in May 1992. After being Chancellor for three terms, and a Deputy Grand Knight, Peter was elected as Grand Knight three times at Immaculata. In addition to these offices, while in Philadelphia, Peter also chaired the Chance of a Lifetime (COAL) sweepstakes as well as the Charity Drive. Bringing all his experience with him to the St. Elizabeth Council, this is Peter's 4th time as a Grand Knight!

Peter was an usher at Immaculate Heart of Mary for ten years. He was also an Extraordinary Minister, which is how he met his future wife Lisa who was an EM as well. They would see each other at the 6:30am daily mass before work. They married on Peter's birthday in June of 2000 (now he's got no excuse for forgetting his anniversary). I guess you could still call him a newlywed! No wonder he keeps us to a strict time schedule at our evening meetings.

Peter's main hobby is sports and physical fitness. He's also a CYO basketball coach for the St. Elizabeth team. He has worked in the

information technology field for the past five years at Vanguard. Peter looks forward to pursuing a law degree in the future.

Deputy Grand Knight



Bill McDonald

Shortly after moving to this area in 1996 with his wife Karen and young son, Brian, and after his second son, Collin, was born that same year, our Deputy Grand Knight Bill McDonald joined the Fr. Fenerty Council (#7208), Downingtown, and obtained 1st degree in early 1997. Achieving 4th degree in May 1998, Bill has been active in the Color Corps and Honor Guard. Not believing in being an idle member, Bill has been extremely active in his local chapters since joining the Knights. While in the Fr. Fenerty Council, he was Chancellor, COAL Chairman three years running, Football Sweepstakes Chairman for two years, Co-Chairman of Keep Christ in Christmas for two years, and St. Patrick's

Day Party Ticket Chairman for three years. You'd think after all that, he'd be exhausted. However, after joining the St. Elizabeth Council in 2002, this Eveready rabbit kept on going by chairing our own very successful COAL and the Football Sweepstakes.

Bill is also active in the church. He has been a "Visitor" for the Building Campaign and helps with the "tear-down" in the gym on Sunday after the 11:30 mass. He was also a 10th grade CCD teacher for 4 years while living in Maryland. With his wife Karen being VP of St. Joseph's Home and School, they both spend free time (what free time?) volunteering in various school programs.

In between attending his boys' karate, soccer, and basketball practices, games, and competitions, Bill enjoys coaching LYA 3rd grade soccer players. When he can sneak a few extra hours to relax, golf and bicycling must feel like luxuries.

In his other life, you know – the one where you have to work to make a living, Bill is a specialist in global commercialization of medical products, specifically orthopedic devices. Being the modest guy he is, Bill says that extensive business

travel in the past has kept him from committing to many regular programs. Sounds to me like he's done pretty well committing to quite a number of things.

So with such a busy schedule, who would have time to start learning to play the guitar and work on writing a business book? You've got it – Bill.

Community Service Report for January Meeting

As part of our council meeting in January, we will discuss how we as a council can become involved in providing service to our community.

The following organizations have been identified as possible candidates for our consideration.

1. W. C. Atkinson Memorial Community Services Center, Coatesville.
2. Chester County Cares, West Chester
3. Food Pantry, Coatesville
4. Catholic Services, Downingtown
5. Ministarium Assistance, Exton/Lionville
6. Mark Placido Memorial Fund, Exton

As part of the January meeting, we will hear from the Community Service

committee, Bill McDonald, Steve Golus, Jim Smith and John Drotar, on these three different organizations. **Come prepared to Listen and volunteer**

TREASURERS REPORT

Together we've made commendable strides in establishing not only a new Council but, a new council at a new Parish. Everything seems to be falling into place for a strong and committed Knights of Columbus program here at St. Elizabeth Church. One concern that any new Council will experience is in dealing with the problem of adequate funds. We've been able to stay solvent so far and I expect we'll continue to remain that way. I'm certain that over time we'll build our reserves and funding will cease to be a major concern.

One request I offer for your consideration is directed toward our 2003 dues, which are now due. It will be a major benefit for our Council if we have 100% of our dues paid by the February meeting. Having dues money coming in over several months definitely makes extra work for the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Our 2003 dues will help to build our bank account, which will in turn

allow us to make some of the purchases and donations that we've discussed. Anticipating the usual cooperation of all our Brothers, I thank you in advance for making the effort to pay your dues as soon as possible.

Ray Williams
Treasurer

Christmas Party a Big Success

Written by John Rogge

What a success! Everyone attending enjoyed the party. Bob Rodner provided excellent lighting, Christmas and dance music. Two DJs, Mike Smack and Steve Hammaker did a great job spinning favorites. Ray Williams started festivities with an opening prayer and was followed by Peter Caruso's welcoming of the guests. Jim Quick did a great job welcoming each lady with a rose flower upon arrival. The buffet was delicious. John Rogge took pictures of the evening and has posted them for all to view. When dinner was over, Debbie and John Rogge demonstrated their dancing skills in Swing, Cha-Cha, Foxtrot and Merengue to the delight of all. The pictures of the party can be found at

<http://www.shutterfly.com/osi.jsp?i=67b0de21b30d322384a7>.

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A special thanks goes to Knight Jim Quick for all his efforts in setting up the dinner arrangements.



The 1st Knights Xmas Party

Up Coming Events

If everyone thought the Christmas Dinner was a success, mark your calendars for the May/June time frame as we plan for a fund raising bus trip to the casinos. This trip will be open to all parishioners. More details and a firm date will be published in our next newsletter.

Basketball Free Throw Contest:

January 4, 2003 Saturday
9:00a.m -12:00p.m.

January 11, 2003 Saturday
9:00a.m -12:00p.m.

This event is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14. We need 6 volunteers to sign up for judging and scoring. Participants and volunteers should contact

Ed Smith at 610-458-7887.

VOCATION APPRECIATION PARTY

Date: January 10, 2003

PLACE: St. Joseph
Education Center

TIME: 7:30 p.m. to ??

This is a time to come and show our support and appreciation for our religious men and women. Nuns and priests from both St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth have been invited to attend. Council 7208 will supply beverages. All adult members of both parishes are invited.

Each guest is asked to bring a hors d'oeuvre that would serve 10 to 15 people. If you have any questions, please contact

Bill McDonald at 610-518-5862.

Golf Outing

Our council is considering sponsoring a Spring 2003 golf outing. If you are interested in playing or participating in setting up or helping to run the tournament please Contact Kevin Borton at January meeting. Stay tuned to the newsletter for more details to come.

Vocations

The following is taken from the Knights of Columbus magazine "Columbia"

"One of the greatest services any Catholic can perform is to nurture priestly and

religious vocations. For that reason, the Knights of Columbus has been dedicated to cultivating faithful environments within our families and our communities. Recognizing that fostering such vocations is not only our duty, but our calling."

Keep the Faith Alive

Remember, **YOU** can make a difference to someone considering a vocation.

Light Side.....

As we consider planning for our first KOC 13141 golf outing we should all be inspired by what some of the greats have said about the game.

When I die, bury me on the golf course so my husband will visit. - **Debbie Rogge**

I don't say my golf game is bad, but if I grew tomatoes they'd come up sliced. - **Steve Golus**

I've spent most of my life golfing the rest I've just wasted. - **Victor Baillargeon**

They call it golf because all the other four-letter words were taken - **Raymond Floyd**

My handicap? Woods and irons. - **Chris Codioli**