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**Profiles of the Month**

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Last month we profiled our Grand Knight, Peter Caruso and Deputy Grand Knight, Bill McDonald. This month we continue with the profiles of Ray Williams, Treasurer and Phil Forlano, Financial Secretary.

active duty at the Army Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Two years later he began a 38-year career in plumbing and heating sales with American Standard Inc. Working his way up through the ranks in different sales and management positions to Director Of Sales for the Chicago Regional Office, Ray entered into a well-deserved retirement in the mid 1990s.

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**TEASURER**



Ray Williams

Ray joined the Knights in 1996, joining St. Peter Council #10351 in Honeybrook, PA. Now a Third Degree, Ray expects to make Fourth Degree this year. While at St. Peter Council, Ray served as Recorder and Treasurer.

After graduation from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh he reported for

Ray and his wife Pat were blessed with nine (yes, nine) children, including two (yes, two) sets of twins! Their family, born close together, all attended college close together.

It took a wife who could work wonders (more like miracles) with a budget to find a way using student loans, jobs, grants, encouragement, and prayers (especially the prayers) to realize the graduation of all nine from college. The fact that it all worked out convinced them that their prayers were heard and answered. They have since been blessed with eleven grandchildren.

Due to family and work related responsibilities, Ray and Pat tended to limit their outside social life. They naturally found themselves involved in Little

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League, Girl and Boy Scouts, Altar Servers, Lacrosse, etc. Although asked several times to join, this left little time for the Knights (or anything else for that matter). Upon retirement he finally felt he could say, "yes" to the Knights and hasn't regretted it. He just wishes that he could have said, "yes" sooner.

Ray enjoys having the opportunity to serve with Catholic gentlemen (he wasn't specific about which members he was referring to) sharing a similar vision. He says it has been a rewarding experience, with the dedication and support of our Council members making his position as Treasurer an easy task. As our new Council continues to grow, Ray feels that if we focus on the goal of always being strong in our faith and a credit to our Church and community, we will be one of the most successful Councils in the Knights of Columbus.

## Financial Secretary



Phil Forlano

Phil joined the Knights in 1999 while at St. Peter Parish, and quickly went from first degree to fourth degree by 2000. Before transferring from St. Peter Council, Phil was Deputy Grand

Knight, and participated in many committees including the Christmas Party committee.

Carrying on his tradition of being a Lector and Extraordinary Minister at St. Peter Parish, Phil continues in these ministries at St. Elizabeth Parish. However, one thing Phil has not carried over from St Peter is his service as a Cantor. Besides requiring some talent, being a cantor requires special training. (Will we be hearing you at St. Elizabeth, Phil?) Perhaps Phil's talent as a cantor comes from his 34 years as a music teacher in Topton, the Brandywine Heights School District in Berks County.

Phil and his wife of 32 years, Laura, have three grown children. Philip is a deacon and will be ordained a priest in May; Paul is a PhD student at Cornell in neurobiology; and Christina, who graduated from St. Joseph's University last May, has a sweet job working in sales for Hershey. Laura is also a Lector at St. Elizabeth.

Phil enjoys playing in various bands and orchestras on the weekends when time permits. He also enjoys walking for fitness. However, lately, Phil has had to take a "break" from all this. One could say he has a "leg up" on the rest of us. While performing automotive work with his son in his driveway, the car began to roll and Phil tore his Achilles tendon. (Actually, the car had a dead battery and Phil and his son were pushing it into the

driveway). Phil, who's been doing a lot of sitting with his leg elevated will now be in a hard cast and on crutches for a while.

## **New Council 13141 Web Page**

In case you missed the e-mail from Chris Ruggiero, our St. Elizabeth Council now has a web page.

You can reach the web page at

[www.Stelizabethcouncil13141.org](http://www.Stelizabethcouncil13141.org)

A great deal of thanks must go to Kevin Borton and Chris Ruggiero for getting this web page started. Of course all men must be back by an outstanding woman. This effort is not any different. Ann Ruggiero, wife of Chris, was the webmaster that designed and implemented our web page. Thank you Ann for a terrific job.

## **The Fourth Degree**

St. Elizabeth's Council 13141, as a new council, is being encouraged to have all it's new Knights make their fourth degree together as a team. Many of us do not know what the fourth degree is or is about. Hopefully the information below as given to us by Bill MacDonald, our Deputy Grand Knight, will sway all of us to go for the fourth degree together.

The fourth degree came into being in 1900. The addition

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of a fourth degree had been discussed since 1896. The Spanish American war was said to have acted as a catalyst to established the Fourth Degree as the patriotic degree, rounding out the ideals of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. The patriotism is not just to country but also to God, Church and country.

The Chester County Assembly started as a fourth degree club in 1970, becoming an official assembly in 1981. The difference being, a club is part of a different assembly. Prior to the formation of the assembly, the club members belonged to Archbishop Ryan, Cardinal Dougherty or Father Tomko Assemblies. Chester County 1873 was official in June of 1981.

There are now 17 councils (we are no longer the newest) affiliated with the Chester County Assembly.

## Annual Fourth Degree activities/programs:

- ? Dinner Dance – honors the PFN
- ? Mass and Communion breakfast
- ? Memorial Mass in November
- ? Ceremony of the Sword
- ? Cristoforo fund – SK Joseph Cristoforo – freedom foundation program in Valley Forge

## Civic Activities –

- ? Flag day
- ? Fourth of July Parades
- ? Honor Guard for Cardinal
- ? Honor Guard at State Conventions
- ? Pro-life marches
- ? Honor Guard at church and school dedications
- ? Corpus Christi processions
- ? Honor Guard at Fourth Degree Exemplification

## Memorial Services – Honor Guard

- ? Veterans Luncheon
- ? Naturalization ceremony at Chester County court house

## Awards –

Over 15 members have been awarded the Legion of Honor in the Chapel of Four Chaplains

- ? Two Sir Knight of the Year awards for Calvert Province (1997, 2001)

- ? Three Civic Awards for Calvert Province (1995,1997,1998)

- ? Assembly News Letter Award 1997 (also letters from Supreme Master and Vice Supreme Master)

- ? Rosary Program Award 1997

- ? Assembly of the Year Award Pennsylvania East District – Calvert Province 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001

- ? Award of Merit – 1999 (exceptional service to community)

Who qualifies – any member having made his third degree and having been a 1<sup>st</sup> degree for at least 6 months (extra exemption paperwork), 1 year – no paperwork.

**When** – Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup> 12:30

**Where** – Valley Forge Radisson Hotel, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA

**Cost** – \$65 fee, \$10 membership dues for last 6 months (waived this year), tuxedo rental or purchase, room in King of Prussia (optional) Special rate \$89 until April 29th.

How does it work – you arrive at 12:30 and register. Wife can attend optional tea with the Ladies. Exemplification occurs, wives are brought in for the end of the ceremony. Dinner and district/province awards are presented. Reception rooms after dinner until approximately midnight or later.

WEB SITE:

[www.geocities.com/kofc1873](http://www.geocities.com/kofc1873)

## **Basketball Free Throw Contest**

On Saturday January 11<sup>th</sup> our first basketball free throw

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contest was held. For our first time event it was quite successful. We had a total of 17 boys and girls participate. As you will see from the list of winners, there were several age groups with no entrants. This was mainly within the girls group, only having participants in the 12yr group

The Knights of Columbus of St. Elizabeth Council No. 13141 are proud to announce the local winners of the 2003 KofC Basketball Free Throw Championship:

- 10yr boys, Chris Cordivari.
- 11yr boys, Greg Cordivari.
- 12yr boys, Shane Lukenda.
- 12yr girls, Tori Viscuso.
- 13yr boys, Dan Luczka.
- 14yr boys, Mike Lukenda.

The winners will now progress to represent St Elizabeth at the District level. The Knights of Columbus thank all those boys and girls that participated.

## Up Coming Events

### 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 the January meeting. Stay tuned to the

newsletter for more details to come.

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – Family mass at St. Elizabeth, 11:30 AM Mass.

**February 22/23** – Recruitment drive at all masses.

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony at West Chester, 7:00 PM

**April 27** - Communion Breakfast at Springdale's for all Knights, their Family and Friends. Cost – \$12.00 per adult. Child – Under 5 Free

## Vocations

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

**"AS KNIGHTS, OUR SUPPORT OF VOCATIONS CAN TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Solid Priestly and Religious vocations are built on the rock of Jesus Christ. By standing with our seminarians and religious today, we're joining the work of salvation tomorrow".

## Keep the Faith Alive

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

## On the Light Side....

Sarah, the church gossip and self-appointed supervisor of the churches morals, kept sticking her

nose into other people's business. Several residents were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know that he was an alcoholic.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He said nothing.

Later that evening, George, quietly parked his pickup in front of Sarah's house.....

AND he left it there all night.....

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.

The ardent golfer would play Mount Everest if somebody would put a flagstick on top. -**Pete Dye**

Golf is played by twenty million mature American men whose wives think they are out having fun. ~**Jim Bishop**

I'm hitting the woods just great but having a terrible time getting out of them! ~**Author Unknown**

I know I am getting better at golf because I'm hitting fewer spectators. ~**Gerald Ford**

It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course. ~**Hank Aaron**