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A word from the Grand Knight

In a few weeks, we will begin the new church year. In the gospel reading for the first week of Advent, Jesus teaches his disciples not to let “the anxieties of daily life, catch you by surprise like a trap.” Taking Jesus’ words to heart, I urge all my brothers and their families to not let the anxieties of the upcoming holiday season cause us to forget the real meaning of Advent and Christmas.

Both Lisa and I extend a Merry Christmas and God’s Blessing for a happy New Year to all my brother Knights and their families. Please be safe when traveling during the holiday season.

Fraternally,
Peter J. Caruso
Grand Knight

Upcoming Events.

- Dec 1 – Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign.
- Dec 15 – Pack Luminaries after St Josephs KOC council meeting. Contact Jim Smith 610 594-9037.
- Dec 20 – Christmas party contact Jim Quick 610 458-8248.
- Dec 23 – Officers Mtg contact Peter Caruso.
- Dec 24 – Place Luminaries at Bishop Shanahan after 5:30pm.
- Dec 25 – Christmas. Contact S. Claus.
- Jan 1 – Happy New Year
- Jan 6 – General Council Meeting. 7:30 parish hall.
- Jan 11 – Basketball Free Throw Contest. Contact Ed Smith 610 458-7887.
- Jan 22 – Pro Life March for Life bus trip. Contact Ray Williams 610 458-7622, Rayw70@cs.com.

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Council Thanks Fund Raising Organizers

We would like to thank Harold Gibson; Chairman of Football Sweepstakes, and John Drotar; chairman of COAL; for their time and talents in running successful campaigns. The council will receive increased revenues due to their efforts. A special thanks to Ed Linaugh and Bob Hays for being our sales leaders.

In case you didn't know, Curt Zingaro and Harold Smith were football pool winners. Also Bob Rodner, Diane Schell, and Peg Mullen were 300 Club winners (4th Degree).

Council Shirts

Council Shirts are available for sale. Contact Hoot Gibson at the next General Council meeting. These shirts give you and the council a positive impression during events. If you need it promptly, email Hoot to bring you a shirt at hooter@netreach.net.

Pro Life – God's Precious Infants

Joe Cavanagh invites all brothers and families to

consider becoming part of a significant effort that is conducted the 3rd Saturday every month. The activity consists of going to Philadelphia at 15th and Market St. and attending a 7 am mass at St. John's. The group then walks to Planned Parenthood at 12th and Locust where the Rosary is prayed. After this they return to St. John for a Benediction. You are home by 11 am. To join Joe, Cavanagh call him at 610 363-0639 or Jcursillo@aol.com.

There is also a prolife mass and Rosary prayer in Westchester. The Rosary is prayed at a nearby abortion clinic. This occurs the 1st Saturday of every month at St. Agnes, West Chester, PA. Contact SK Tom Holman of West Chester Council.

Pro Life Bus Trip

The council is actively coordinating the St. Elizabeth Parish Bus trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life, Jan 22, 2004. This is the first time the parish will have a bus. Ray Williams is spearheading this effort. For ticket and activity information contact Ray 610 458-7622. Don't wait to make a reservation, the bus is filling fast.

Today there are 50% fewer abortion facilities in PA than 20 years ago. Our efforts are working.

Officers Profile: Chris Ruggiero – Warden



Chris joined the St. Elizabeth Council of the Knights of Columbus attaining 1st degree on April 7, 2002, and a little over a year later attained 4th degree on May 25, 2003. Currently holding the position of Warden in our council, Chris is responsible for directing the guards at our meetings. Officially, "(t)he Warden shall be present at all meetings of his council and at the opening of the same. He shall have charge of all the council property (*i.e., council jewels*) except moneys and account and record books of officers and keep the same in proper condition for the meeting of his council. He shall instruct his guards in their duties and appoint the same at pleasure and perform such other duties as may be imposed by this council." We trust him with everything but the money....a little odd considering his profession!

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Since joining the Knights, Chris has been one of our most active members, working with PA ARC, the Budget Committee, and helping set up our website with Kevin Borton (well, actually it was Chris' wife Ann who helped, but we'll give Chris at least some of the credit). As Chris never hesitates to volunteer and become involved in any of our council activities, he says he's not really sure if he's actually on any other committees. He just likes to help out where he can.

Chris is not only active in the Knights, he's also active in St. Elizabeth parish. He can usually be found on Saturday afternoons helping set up for the 5:30 mass. He then comes back on Sunday morning to serve as an usher at the 8:00am mass. Chris also participated in the parish capital campaign visits back in January/February 2002.

Chris has been married to his wife Ann for ten years. They have two daughters, Lauren (9) and Elizabeth (3). Chris has his own accounting practice located in Eagle. And if running his own business while volunteering for all the activities he's involved with in the Knights doesn't take up enough of his time, Chris still finds the time for his

other interests such as winemaking (when it says BYOB he not only brings it...he made it!), cooking, history, and comic books.

Knights in Action

Minute Man forms – a new group is forming to allow for fast Knight response. The first call was for the setup of Fr. Leo's Magic Show. Efforts were led by Mark Byrd and Kevin Borton.

Snow Removal. Then a snow removal effort was mobilized. A great sigh of relief could be heard when we discovered the school parking lot was already done. Bill Shields, Elton Schroeder, John Drotar, Chris Ruggiero, Joe Arena, Jack Clark, Vic Baillargeon and sons, Jim Quick, Ray Williams, Bill McDonald, John Rogge and Jim Smith and others were ready willing and able to move the snow.

Building Meeting Update. The knights handled the setup, takedown and parking duties. Hoot Gibson, Pat Donoghue, Joe Arena, Peter Caruso, Steve Golus, Bill Schell, and John Batt .

Chester County Cares. Special thanks to Joe Cavanaugh for dedicating his time to pack dinners and food for the needy.

West Chester Exchange Club Annual Show. Our help was greatly appreciated for setup. Bill Shell, Bill McDonald, Chris Ruggiero, and Jim Smith were involved.

Malvern Retreat Songbooks. Dick Sylvester took the lead in recycling the old parish books. Bill Schell and Jim Smith assisted.

Recruitment Drive a huge success



The September recruitment drive was a big success thanks to the leadership and drive of the Committee. The goal established for the council was shattered. John Rogge, Jeff Ciardi, Pat Donoghue and Elliot Rosado. The committee wants to thank all the knights who manned the booth.

Keep the Faith Alive

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

Vocations

Just how do we encourage those we love to consider religious vocations? By demonstrating how

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to follow the Gospel and serve God through how we live our lives. By explaining the power of God's love and grace every day. By openly discussing vocation options and highlighting the honor and joy of religious life. And, most importantly, by praying constantly and fervently. – Sister Rebecca Marie Hoffart.

On the Light Side....



A big city lawyer went duck hunting in rural Texas . He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence. As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing.

The litigator responded, "I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it."

The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in the United States and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own.

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes in Texas. We settle small disagreements like this with the "Three Kick Rule."

The lawyer asked, "What is the Three Kick Rule?"

The Farmer replied, "Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, first I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up."

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth. The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear

end sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, Now it's my turn."

[I love this part....]

The old farmer smiled and said, "Naw, I give up. You can have the duck."

Council Web Page

Remember to continue to watch our Council Web page for additional news and events.

<http://www.stelizabethcouncil13141.org>

Insurance Needs

If any of you are considering changes to you insurance needs, please be sure to contact our KoC Field Agent Dan Bowser. He is ready to help with all you insurance and financial investment needs. Dan can be reached at **3209 Edge Lane, Thorndale, PA 19372 or contact him at 610-909-0807.**