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A word from the Deputy Grand Knight

Dear Brothers,

We have had a tremendously successful year in terms of fulfilling the first and most important principle of our order: CHARITY. While our coffers are not yet overflowing, allowing us to help financially, we have helped others in very significant ways. Each and every member is to be commended for their efforts in this area as our strength comes from the unity of the entire membership. We provide through those who participate through prayer as well as those who participate through action.

Since our inception, we have clothed the naked, given shelter to those in need, helped feed the hungry, given to the poor, acted on behalf of those who cannot defend themselves and given to our local Parish and

community. As our numbers continue to grow, we will be able to do more. Specific activities have included: clothing drives, collecting for ARC, supporting the Right to Life activities, as well as countless hours assisting many in the community when asked (Oak Tree program, Upper Uwchlan Community Day, Immaculata Art Show, assisting at special St. Elizabeth events, etc.). Every dues paying member helps the efforts of the Supreme Council and everyone who participates in the COAL, Football, or Basketball Sweepstakes or any of the State Council's direct mail programs contributes on that level.

If you have not been able to attend a meeting due to other commitments, we understand. We are trying to keep everyone involved on an e-mail basis as well as through the fine efforts of the newsletter committee. Please come out and join us with our projects, even if you can only share a small amount of your time, we

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accomplish through everyone's efforts. Also, please continue to pray for the success of the Council, our work, and its members. Through each persons support we are able to grow and do more for our community and in turn gain more members as people begin to understand what we stand for through our actions.

Fraternally,

Bill McDonald
Deputy Grand Knight

Upcoming Events.

March 13 – Parish Ground Breaking Ceremony – 3:00 p.m.

March 13 – St. Patrick's Day Party at St. Joseph's, 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Contact Peter Caruso at 610-363-2922 or Jeff Ciardi at 610-458-5522.

March 20,21 – ARC – contact Chris Ruggiero at 610-321-2424.

March 27,28 – Parking detail at Downingtown East High School for weekend Masses. Contact Jim Smith at 610-594-9037.

April 13 – General Meeting

April 17,24 – ARC

April 18 – Communion Breakfast, contact Vic Baillargeon at 610-594-7439.

April 24 – Tribute Dinner 4th Degree at West Chester location.

May 7 – Golf Outing – contact Kevin Borton at 610-458-5356.

May 28, 29, 30 – Exemplification 2004

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the following members on achieving 2nd Degree: Bob Hays and Elliot Rosado. For 3rd Degree we congratulate: Joe Arena, Pat Donoghue, Tom Intoccia, John Magee, Ron Murphy, Mike Orr, Elliot Rosado, Bill Shields, and Rich Turocy.

Free Throw

The 2004 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship was held on January 11th at Bishop Shanahan High School. Twenty-five boys and girls competed between the ages of 10 to 14. Members involved were: Ray Williams, Phil Forlano, Dick Sylvester,

Ron Murphy, Steve Kacenjjar, Hoot Gibson, John Rogge, Curt Zingaro, Joe Arean, Bill Schell, Peter Caruso, Mark Anthony, Fred Clark, Bill Shields, Craig Cody, and Bill McDonald. Special thanks to Msgr. Mullen for his help with the publicity and Craig Cody and Joe Mullaney for providing basketballs.

The District 17 Championship was held on February 22nd at St. Maximillian Kobe School. St. Elizabeth Council had 3 winners: Elena Brindley, Chelsea Manchester, and Dan Luczka. Each will received a District Champonship medallion and represented our Council at the Regional Competition held on March 6th.

Pro Life Bus Trip

On January 22nd, the anniversary of the infamous Roe V. Wade decision, the Knights of Columbus together with the St. Elizabeth Parish, participated in the March for Life in Washington D.C. A few days before the bus trip, our 24 passenger bus was sold out and we redirected several parishioners to space available at nearby churches. We were blessed with a clear day, just a bit cold, but all in all a great day

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to express our sorrow for the 1972 Supreme Court Decision on abortion. The day started early, 6:45 a.m., and ended when we returned to Lionville around 8:30 p.m. Several who made the trip spent most of the day in prayer at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the balance took the Metro to the Ellipse area to participate in the Rally and to join the March. After the March, many of us visited the reception held by Congressman Toomey at the Reserve Officers Building on Constitution Avenue. All agreed it was a day well spent for a cause we are dedicated to and we look forward to even more participation in 2005.

Submitted by: Ray Williams

Habitat for Humanity

On January 10th, our Council offered its services to Habitat for Humanity in their ReStore. Their ReStore is similar to a Salvation Army Store, where previously owned goods are dropped off and then sold at discount prices. Habitat has a warehouse that is closing and needed our Council's assistance in making space in the ReStore for items in the warehouse.

On January 17th, Local 13141 was put to the task in Coatesville with a building project. Our "experience" was needed for painting, hanging drywall, working at the warehouse, sealing windows, and prep cutting pieces for a deck.

On both projects, a sense of community service fulfillment was had by one and all and our service was greatly appreciated by Habitat for Humanity.

Submitted by: Chris Ruggiero

ARC

The campaign for the Association of Retarded Citizens in Pennsylvania (ARC) is beginning March 20, 2004 and goes through May 10, 2004. The money raised will go to the local and state ARC chapters to implement programs for Pennsylvania citizens with mental retardation. The Pennsylvania Knights have conducted this campaign for twenty-six years and have raised an astounding \$4 million! Last year our participation in the ARC raised almost \$1,100 and placed our Council's fundraising prowess 6th in the State and 1st in Chester County on a per capita basis. We have now set a

benchmark. With our increased membership, we hope to exceed our per capita goal and increase our total Council participation. Tentatively, our fundraising dates are March 20th and 21st and April 17th. If your calendar is clear on one of those dates, please mark of some time to participate. This is a great opportunity for the whole Council to get involved in Community Service and express our first pillar – Charity. Continue to watch your e-mails for more information. Please contact Chris Ruggiero at 610-321-2424.

Immaculata Art Show

Once again, this year's Art Show was a success, grossing \$397,000. The Council thanks the following members: Steve Kacencjar, Peter Caruso, Harold Gibson, John Drotar, and Jim Smith for assisting with hanging the art. Another big thanks goes to the take down crew: Bill McDonald, Ray Williams, John Magee, Peter Caruso, Chris Ruggiero, and Jim Smith. We would also like to thank Clare Magee for her valiant effort in controlling the antics of the take down crew! The College noted that with the additional volunteers that take down was completed in

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record time, cutting time by at least two hours!

Special Parish Thanks

Council members received a special thanks from St. Elizabeth Parish for their volunteer work at the St. Elizabeth Valentine Day Social. It was noted that Council members handled the difficult job of bartending with ease and grace! The Council would like to thank the St. Valentine Social Committee of Cindy Goch, Mary Mulherin and Kelly O'Connor for the great job they did in presenting the social to the Parish!

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 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.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to extend a special thanks to Dick and Pat Sylvester who prepared and served the main course at our Holiday Event! Thanks also to everyone who brought appetizers, salads, and deserts. Much fun was had by all!

Council Web Page

<http://www.stelizabethcouncil13141.org>

Remember to continue to watch our Council Web page for additional news and events. This will be updated by Council member Bill Shields. Please contact him at: e-mail- billshields@erols.com or by phone at 610-458-7370.

Insurance Needs

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

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