



Upper Uwchlan, PA.

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## A word from the Grand Knight Serving Others: Brothers in Action

Sometimes it is important to put into perspective the work that we do as Knights of Columbus. Our efforts, often behind the scenes, go unrecognized or at least unseen by the public, and sometimes too by our own Council members. Our membership participates in many activities and I think it is important that we take a moment and recognize these efforts and the people who are making them.

We have been providing assistance at Chester County Cares, under the direction of our Community Director, John Drotar. Brothers Ray Williams, Bill Schell, Joe Cavanagh and Ron Murphy have been helping to package food and other household necessities for those in our community who utilize the food bank. John Drotar has also coordinated a “necessities” drive, paper goods, toiletries and other

items necessary for healthy living, which aren’t covered under many of the food programs. We have set up tables and chairs for Cares Hunger Awareness Day. A day for Cares to invite those in the community to gain a greater understanding of the issues facing many, not in a third world country but in our own communities.

This is all part of the programs we do within the Knights. We do get recognition for this work through the Supreme Council. For those who are not aware, we received STAR COUNCIL award for our efforts last year under our (now) Past Grand Knight Peter Curruso, (current) District Deputy. To achieve STAR COUNCIL we had to achieve the requirements of Columbian Award (focused on Service requirements), the Father McGivney Award (focused on membership quotas) and Founders Award (focused on insurance membership). In concert with these awards, a host of documents must be filed with Supreme on a timely basis. Having achieved this award last year, it is certainly our goal to qualify again this year.

Vivat Jesus!  
Bill McDonald GK

# St. Elizabeth Council #13141

## Profile: Jim Smith – Chancellor



Jim at Christmas Party and looking very handsome.

Jim first started his involvement with Saint Elizabeth by towing and storing the altar trailer. He then jumped in with both feet and became totally immersed when he became an usher at the 5:30 pm mass under the religious direction of Joe Cavanaugh, and began to actively participate in the Saturday afternoon set-up. Did you ever see someone push two full racks of folding chairs at the same time? Jim has also been instrumental in organizing the Knights in directing parking for Saint Elizabeth parishioners at many of our events. He can wield a flashlight like Darth Vader and his light saber.

Jim then joined the newly forming Saint Elizabeth Council and became one of the original 34 Charter Members. He quickly (a relative term) made his 4th Degree and is currently Chancellor of our Council. What does a Chancellor do, you may ask. Well, he's our number-three-in-command and "shall take charge of the council during the incapacity or extended absence" of both the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight. Scary thought, huh? He's also charged with total participation of the membership in the activities of the council, so you all better fall in line and listen up! Seriously though, I think you will all agree he does this very well. He has spearheaded and participated in the Luminaries setup for the Christmas Eve masses, Keep Christ in Christmas, Certificates for Alter Servers, Parking Cars, Immaculata Art Show, Family Masses, and our Council Newsletter, to name a few. It is obvious why he is the current Knight of the Year.

Chancellor Smith has been married since October 1981 to his lovely and talented wife Patty. Jim and Patty have one daughter Megan, who has already been accepted to St. Joseph University, where she plans to attend this coming fall. Jim's favorite activities include pulling trailers (with a truck of course), parking cars

(which explains a lot of things) and lifting heavy objects. He also collects animation (that's cartoon for most of us who grew up in the 50's and 60's) art.

Jim has been a Teamster for almost 30 years and declines to acknowledge the whereabouts of Jimmy Hoffa. However, for some reason he still refers to driving by the Meadowlands as "paying a visit"! He attended Kutztown University where he first learned his teamster negotiating skills, graduating with a BS in Business Administration.



Jim and Brother Knights, Bill, Bob and Fred with Banner (Joseph, Mary and Jesus)

## Christmas Party at Kimberton Golf Club was an outstanding Social Event



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The third Christmas Party held by the Council was attended by over 60 members and spouses. Msgr. Mullin and Father Chambers were special guests of the Knights. The event was organized by Jim Quick, Hoot Gibson and Bob Hays. Pictures of the event are posted on the council web site.

The entertainment was donated by Bob Rodner and Bob Hays.

## 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](mailto:hooter@netreach.net).

## Knights in Action

**Bartenders** – At the St. Elizabeth Harvest Social on October 2, 2004, a great time was had by all, due in no small part by our Council. We supported the Stewardship Committee by providing our “expertise” as bartenders for the night. We arrived early to setup, stayed late to clean up and

performed our role without a hitch. We have a strong reputation for keeping glasses full, with a friendly smile. Cheers.

## Habitat for Humanity –

Our Council participated in a habitat Build on October 30, 2004, at the Coatesville location. We got our hands dirty and sealed some windows. We worked as a team giving our time to our community. We also assisted as the Habitat ReStore on October 16, 2004, at the last minute request of the store manager. Our Council has stepped up to the plate for Habitat, and the Organization is grateful, as expressed directly by the Executive Director of Chester County Habitat For humanity.

## Donations

Many knights have been coming forward and making donations.

The list keeps growing.

- Council Donation Earmark for Parish Education
- Catholic Social Services (Christmas Raffle)
- Entertainment for Christmas Party
- Luminaries
- Keep Christ in Christmas Banner
- Tsunami Relief
- Holy Water Dispenser (Special fund collection)

## Activities

We have also been active in the following.

- Chester County Cares – Emergency paper Drive
- Chester County Cares – loading and unloading trailers and loading food packages.
- Parking All Souls Mass
- Keep Christ in Christmas Program
- Luminaries
- St Elizabeth Model moving
- Freezer Move
- Christmas Setup/Takedown
- Turkey donation from Clemens to Chester County Cares

## Upcoming Events and contacts.

Jan 24 – March for Life bus trip. Departs 7:15 AM from Clemens. Ray Williams, 610 458-7622

Jan 29 – Basketball Free Throw Contest. Immaculata University Gym - Set up at 6 PM 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Joe Arena, 610 458-2344

Jan 26 -29. Immaculata Art Show Setup. Jim Smith 610 594-9037.

Feb 5, Family Mass, 5:30 PM, Jim Smith

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Feb 13, Immaculata Art Show Takedown, 4 to 8 PM. Jim Smith 610 594-9037.

## Prayer List

Please contact Dan Keating with names of those you feel would benefit from the prayers of the Council. He can be reached at 610 873-1877.

## On the Light Side....

### Management 101

An Indian walks into a dinner with a shotgun in one hand and a buffalo in the other and says "Me want a cup of coffee." Of course says the waiter who gives him a hot cup of Joe.

After he finishes the coffee, the Indian takes the shotgun and shoots the buffalo. Buffalo flies everywhere. Then the Indian leaves.

The next day the Indian returns again. In one hand

he is carrying a shotgun and in the other he has a buffalo. "Me want a cup of coffee" he says. The waiter replies, "hold it right there, we haven't finished cleaning up the last mess you left in here, what is this all about?"

The Indian states, "Me in a management training program." "I come in, drink coffee, shoot bull, create mess for others to clean up, and then leave for the rest of the day."

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month. The activity consists of going to Philadelphia at 15<sup>th</sup> and Market St. and attending a 7 am mass at St. John's. The group then walks to Planned Parenthood at 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Jcursillo@aol.com).

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

## Keep the Faith Alive

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

## 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 your insurance needs, please be sure to contact our KoC Field Agents Bill Bushey (A-M) or Dan Bowser (N-Z). They are ready to help with all your insurance and financial investment needs. Bill can be reached at **610 754-0888**. Dan can be reached at **610 909-0807**.