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*A Quarterly Newsletter for the Members of Knights Council 13141*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!**

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

#### **COMMUNION MASS & BREAKFAST**

It's that time of year when we get together as a Council and celebrate those who have contributed so much over the past year. Following the 8am Mass. For reservations, please email Worth Lecturer John Batt by April 7th at [battfamily@erols.com](mailto:battfamily@erols.com)

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

#### **QUARTERLY PRO-LIFE ADORATION**

1:00PM to 7:00PM – Located in the daily Chapel. For more information or to volunteer, please email our Pro-Life Chairman Brother Ray Williams at [Rayw70@cs.com](mailto:Rayw70@cs.com).

### **TUESDAY, MAY 1**

#### **MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING**

7:30PM – Located in the art/music room of the St. Elizabeth Education Center.

### **FRIDAY, MAY 11**

#### **ANNUAL COUNCIL GOLF OUTING**

1:00 PM - ?? – Located at Kimberton Golf Club. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Skip Valentine at [cnsvalentine@comcast.net](mailto:cnsvalentine@comcast.net).

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 5**

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7:30PM – Located in the art/music room of the St. Elizabeth Education Center.

## **A WORD FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT**



Brothers,

As we enter the last quarter of our Fraternal Year we have several programs to finish up. So far support for the Painting Project has been great but there is still a considerable amount of work to do. Following the painting is the Springton Manor Gleaning Project.

The preliminary work for the Covenant House collection, the Altar Server Picnic, Communion Breakfast and the Golf Outing are under way. We've also been asked to support the Wounded Warrior Program by the Chester County Assembly.

These activities exemplify our pillars of **Charity, Unity, and Fraternity**. Thank you for your continued support and let's finish this year **as strong as we began. God Bless!!**

Fraternally, Jim Smith

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 Brother Matthew Ward and Brother John Rogge

**CHURCH**

Program Director: Brother Joe Arena

- This year, as the **Order celebrates the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of its founding by a parish priest, the **Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney**, we highlight once again our resolve as Knights to remain steadfastly "In Solidarity with Our Priests." One of the best ways to show our solidarity is to promote and support vocations to the priesthood, as well as to religious life.

Our council, through the **RSVP** program, is supporting fellow Knight and seminarian John Weber with a monetary contribution. In addition, we will be supplying various vocation materials that will be available to all at the Pro-Life adoration on Sunday afternoon April 22 in the chapel.

In preparation for World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 29<sup>th</sup>, let us look into our own families – to our sons, daughters, nieces and nephews – for possible priestly or religious vocations.

*-Brother Phil Forlano*

- **Beef & Beer Social** is scheduled on April 28. Bartenders are needed to tend the number of beer 'locations' known to exist at this year's social. For more information and to volunteer (beer pouring experience a must!), please contact Chris Ruggiero at [Chris@ruggiero-company.com](mailto:Chris@ruggiero-company.com).

- **Altar Servers are needed** for weekday Masses and Funerals...for more information and to volunteer, please contact Worthy Outside Guard Rich Turocy at [Rturocy@comcast.net](mailto:Rturocy@comcast.net).

**COMMUNITY**

Program Director: Brother Pat Donoghue

- On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 members of Council 13141 and parishioners of St. Elizabeth boarded a bus and traveled to Washington DC to participate in the annual **March for Life**. As always, Council 13141 was well represented.



Braving the cold January day...Pro-Life Chairman Ray Williams is making the point that **every** child has the Right to Life!

- **Pro-Life Mass** is scheduled on the first Saturday of each month at St. Agnes Church in West Chester followed by the Rosary Prayed at the abortion clinic location. With April's Pro-Life Mass landing on Holy Saturday, the Mass will postponed but the Rosary Prayer will still take place. The Rosary will begin at 8AM outside the Church and then proceed over. May's Pro-Life Mass will take place on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Sts. Simon and Jude starting at 7:30AM. June's Pro-Life Mass returns to St. Agnes on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more information, please contact Brother Ray Williams at [Rayw70@cs.com](mailto:Rayw70@cs.com) for any additional details.

- **Quarterly Pro-Life Adoration** sponsored by the Respect Life Committee and the Knights of Columbus is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be held in the Chapel from 2:30PM to closing and Benediction at 5:30PM. For more information and to volunteer, please contact either Brother Ray William at [Rayw70@cs.com](mailto:Rayw70@cs.com) or Brother Harry Tucci at [Katahdin07@yahoo.com](mailto:Katahdin07@yahoo.com).

- Brother Bill Schell reported that this year's **Potato Project** over at Springton Manor will help feed the needed over at **Chester County Cares**. He says if the weather holds out, we can plow and plant by the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. He needs 2 or 3 volunteers in the

evenings to help the children with the planting. Bill also indicated that he will need 8 to 10 volunteers at the end of July or early August to do the harvesting...plus volunteers through out the growing season to help till the weeds. Last year the Knights help harvest about a half a ton of potatoes for Chester County Cares...but Bill says we should do better this year unless Brother Jim Smith eats them all before we get them delivered (is that true Bill!?!). Bill finished by stating that it looks like we will have some kind of digging machine to do the harvesting. If you want more information and to volunteer, contact Bill at [Bilschell@comcast.net](mailto:Bilschell@comcast.net).

- Brother John Magee has reported that the **Lord's Pantry** located in Downingtown is gearing up for its annual **Postal Workers Food Drive**. This year it will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> (day before Mother's Day). This is a major source of food for the Pantry so they need as many volunteer Knights as possible. If interested, please contact John at [Jmagee7448@comcast.net](mailto:Jmagee7448@comcast.net).

- Brother Ed Linaugh is reporting that the **Clothing Drive** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #13141 is **scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** to support **Covenant House Pennsylvania**. Covenant House Pennsylvania was established in 1999 to assist young people with a place to eat, do laundry and get referrals for more complex needs such as housing and medical care. Currently it is the largest provider of services to homeless and runaway youth in Philadelphia. In total, Covenant House Pennsylvania has served over 5300 young people. Knowing this, we need your help! **During the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June, please bring any clothing (casual & business), books or games you want to donate to the Narthex of Saint Elizabeth during any of the Masses.** For more information or to volunteer, please contact Ed Linaugh at [Elinaugh@maagents.com](mailto:Elinaugh@maagents.com).

- **ARC Measure Up Campaign.** As we have recently been discussing at the regular monthly meetings, we are kicking off our annual Measure Up Campaign to benefit the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC). Every year, the Knights work together in a statewide effort to raise money for ARC. From our council, every penny goes directly to the

Chester County ARC to help meet the needs of developmentally disabled children and adults. ARC does great work and relies heavily on contributions from the Knights of Columbus. Each year, the ARC expresses its gratitude to the Knights with a plaque and a heartfelt request to continue helping them brighten the future of mentally retarded citizens. **We will be collecting donations at the Eagle Acme and Exton Acme Locations on April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.** If you want to volunteer for any of the 2 - hour shifts provided (2 per day at each location), please contact Tom Kirk at [tkirk@waketsi.com](mailto:tkirk@waketsi.com).

- Inside Guard Bill Schell extends his appreciation to all who came out to help with the **Human Needs Painting Project**. 32 different volunteers and 293 man hours....WOW!



Hey you guys!..You missed a spot!



Brother Phil Forlano helping out at last year's ARC Measure Up Campaign.

## COUNCIL

Program Director: Brother Matthew Ward

- **Our FIFTH Annual Spring Golf Fundraiser** will take place at Kimberton Golf Club (Route 23, Kimberton PA.) on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. This Fundraiser helps with expenses needed for transportation and materials for the needy and for the Council's charitable works in Chester County throughout the year. The format will be an 18-hole golf scramble, shotgun start at 1PM followed by an awards ceremony and buffet dinner. **The golf outing is open to all — you don't have to be a Knight to participate!** You also may make a contribution to this event by providing a gift or sponsoring a hole. For more information or to sign up, contact Skip Valentine at [cnsvalentine@comcast.net](mailto:cnsvalentine@comcast.net).

### Upcoming Degree Ceremonies

- April 9<sup>th</sup> - St. Cornelius (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees)  
Candidate arrive at 7:00 PM
- May 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees)  
Candidate arrive at 7:00 PM
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - St. Cornelius (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees)  
Candidate arrive at 7:00 PM
- May 27<sup>th</sup> - Inn at Valley Forge (4<sup>th</sup> Degree)  
Candidate arrive at 11:30PM

**Want to attend? Contact Phil Forlano at [Philforlano@mail.com](mailto:Philforlano@mail.com)**

## FAMILY

Program Director: Brother Larry Lyle

- Our annual **Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast** will be held at 9:00 AM on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>, following our 8:00 AM Family Mass. This year it will be located in the Saint Elizabeth Social Hall. It will be a catered affair with an appetizing menu including: Scrambled eggs,

French toast, bacon, sausage links, home fries, assorted bagels muffins and Danishes, juice, coffee, tea and milk. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The Knight of the Year and the Family of the Year will be announced as well. Who will it be? Be there to find out! Please **contact John Batt** at [battfamily@erol.com](mailto:battfamily@erol.com) **no later than Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** if you want to attend.

- Our annual **Family Picnic** is just around the corner (well...3-4 months away)! If you would like to host this year's picnic, contact either Brother Larry Lyle at [Ljlyle@comcast.net](mailto:Ljlyle@comcast.net) or Brother John Rogge at [Johnrogge@comcast.net](mailto:Johnrogge@comcast.net).



Brothers Jim Smith, Curt Zingaro and John Batt enjoying themselves at last year's picnic.

## YOUTH

Program Director: Brother Dan Keating

- Ed Smith reported that this year's **Free Throw Contest**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #13141, was a huge success. Fourteen entrants battled it out at the charity stripe to see who was king or queen of the foul shot. The Champions are:

- Ryley Angeline – 10yrs**
- Colin Sweeney, Jennifer Wittick – 11yrs**
- Brian Murphy – 12yrs**
- Andrew Murmer, Kathleen McAssey – 13yrs**
- Anthony Arena – 14yrs**

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ryley, Colin, and Andrew represented our Council at Regionals over at Cardinal O'Hara High School...Unfortunately they didn't win but were fortunate to have participated.



A thanks to all who came out and helped/participated in this year's Knight of Columbus Free Throw Competition!

- The Council again will help sponsor a **Pizza Party** for all the **Alter Servers at St. Elizabeth**. It is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>...for more information or if you want to help out, please contact Brother Rich Turocy at [Rturocy@comcast.net](mailto:Rturocy@comcast.net).



The 'Fab Four' (Brothers Bill Schell, Curt Zingaro, Bill McDonald and Phil Forlano) assisted His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali in dedicating the St. Elizabeth Education Center this past September.

## 4<sup>th</sup> DEGREE REPORT

Brother Bill McDonald

- The **4<sup>th</sup> Degree** is the highest degree of our Order and its members boast the title Sir Knight. To qualify for the degree you must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at least 6 months prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree date and be 18 years old. The degree is followed by an evening of celebration including dinner and dancing in many of the ballrooms and suites at the hotel. Dress is formal, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree uniform for the men (black tux, white shirt, black tie) and the Sir Knight Ladies wear formal dresses. Current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members return for the degree and celebration for years after they made their degree and it is truly something to be witnessed. **The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree stands for Patriotism, the Church, Country, and the Order.** If you are one of over 40 members of our Council who qualify...won't you consider making your 4<sup>th</sup> Degree this year? If you haven't submitted your application to become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree...you still have time. Applications are needed by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost for the Degree is \$70 which includes a banquet ticket for you and your wife. To apply, contact Brother Bill McDonald at [Williamsmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:Williamsmcdonald@comcast.net). This year's Exemplification will take place on May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Inn @ Valley Forge.

- **Chester County 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly #1873** is assisting the **Wounded Warrior Program** this year in support of our wounded troops returning from Iran and Afghanistan. We are collecting items for assembly into 'comfort packs' for our wounded troops. All packs will be sent to the Landstuhl Army Hospital in Germany where approximately 780 service members per month are taken for care prior to returning to the USA. **St. Elizabeth Council #13141 will be collecting the following TRAVEL SIZED items at its May General Council Meeting:** soap, washcloths, moist wipes, deodorant, mouth wash, tooth paste, tooth brush, and lotion....packed in a zip-lock bag. For more information, contact Brother Harry Tucci at [Katahdin07@yahoo.com](mailto:Katahdin07@yahoo.com)

## KNIGHT PROFILE



**John Rogge – Deputy Grand Knight**

John admits he has no experience — with past K of C councils, that is. He joined the Knights as one of the Charter Members, the initial group at St. Elizabeth who formed Council 13141 on May 5th, 2002. John tells us he knows this because he has the Charter.

John made his first degree a few months before. So, you may question, what chapter was he part of if the St. Elizabeth Council did not exist? John's mute on this point. He rapidly (although not quite at the speed of a nuclear reaction) took his second degree late in 2002, and then sped on to his third degree in 2003. After he caught his breath, John made his 4th degree in May of 2004.

John has held quite a few offices within the Council over these past few years, steadily increasing his responsibility. He first served as Inside Guard, then as Outside Guard, and then as Warden for one whole meeting (He really learned quickly and it didn't take him long to master it). It was the on to serving as Chancellor, and now as Deputy Grand Knight. I won't say John has a hard time holding down a job, but we'll let his record speak for itself. Look out Jim, here he comes!

As Deputy Grand Knight, John is second in command. He performs all duties assigned to him by our grand Knight, and presides over meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight. He also coordinates the Service Committees. Yes, John, there is more to the position than repeating "I'd like to make a motion..."

Grandpa John married his lovely wife Debra in 1974. Their daughter Dana and her husband Matt Foust have blessed John and Debra with a grandson Kian Foust (hence the 'Grandpa' title at the beginning of

the sentence). If you know John at all, it's obvious that he enjoys his family and gets very involved being a grandfather. How can someone who's a grandfather be married to someone as young as Debra?

John graduated from Georgia Tech in 1974 with an electrical engineering degree and because he had a Navy Scholarship, he first went into the Navy as an Officer, Nuclear Submarines (so that's where he got the knack of being an officer). He had to successfully pass an interview with Admiral Rickover to get into the Nuclear Navy. That's a story he generally keeps to himself, unless, of course, strong alcoholic beverages are served and he is assured that no one will remember what he told them.

Officer Rogge was a Plank Owner on the USS Philadelphia SSN 690. For those of you wondering what a Plank Owner is, it is someone who was part of the crew that built the ship and put it into Commission, or the crew that decommissioned it and tore it apart. Each crewmember gets a piece of the boat, wooden plank. John hasn't divulged whether he was part of the commissioning or the decommissioning. We'll have to ask him when he starts talking about the interview.

Following the Navy, John joined the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission in 1980. He started in the Atlanta, Georgia office, and was soon assigned as the Senior Resident Inspector at the Vogtle Nuclear plant near Augusta Ga. (Notice the recurring theme of rapid promotions again.) That plant was under construction and he provided Federal oversight (Is that some sort of oxymoron?) from construction to its operational stage.

He then worked in Washington, DC until he got a Manager job in the King of Prussia office. Currently, John supervises the electrical engineers that inspect the northeast nuclear plants. Of current and utmost interest to John is that our nation's electrical grid remains reliable

during the hot summer months that we suffer through here.

So what does John do in all his spare time? For physical activity he enjoys golf. He said he enjoys it, not that he was good at it. And for the cerebral side, he likes computers. And then there's always the time he enjoys spending with his grandson Kian. That's both physical as well as cerebral.

John and Debra also enjoy a hideaway condominium in St. Augustine Fla. Described as a place for fun and relaxation with family, he says, "What happens in St. A ...should happen to everyone."

*For all your insurance and financial needs...contact either of our insurance field agents:*

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### HUMOR

Source to remain a mystery!

Ed was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary. His wife was really angry. She told him 'Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes 0 to 200 in 6 seconds...AND IT BETTER BE THERE!!'

The next morning Ed got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a gift box in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in to the house. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Funeral services for Poor Ed have been scheduled for Friday.

For anyone who would like to help make this newsletter possible...please contact Brother Matthew Ward at [mward062902@yahoo.com](mailto:mward062902@yahoo.com). Our next issue will be due in early July...just around the corner!!!