



Club Valiants Newsletter

"Good Conduct and Courage Lead to Honor"



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A Message from the President



Greetings,

At this time the Executive Board and Board of Directors are making major decisions about many things that impact on our organization and you the member. One of those issues concerns our building. We are addressing this issue with the up most importance in order to serve you the member concerning your building.

Currently the building is closed. The heating system needs to be replaced; the roof leaks and several other things need to be done in order to restore our building into tiptop shape. After much of this work is completed the hall will be reopened.

The December's meetings will take place at the building of Concerned Black Men, Inc. (CBM). CBM is located at 7200 N. 21st Street. The building

is right next to The Hoagie Factory, 72nd and Ogontz Avenue.

The next meeting dates are Monday, December 06, 2004 (DCF), 7:30 PM and Thursday, December 09, 2004 (ABF), 8:00 PM. Please make plans to attend. These meetings are important so that you can receive accurate information about what is important to you concerning issues that may impact on you the member.

Due to the resignation of three of our members who served on the Board of Directors, there is an important special election coming up to fill these positions.

In our organization those people who serve on the Board have an important job to do for us, and a lot of responsibility. I'm hoping that you will take the same interest in our election as you did the USA presidential election. The Valiants continue to move in a forward direction. The people that you elect to be on the Board must be the type that will continue to lead us in a forward direction.

I urge you to be very concerned about our election and come out and vote.

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Club Valiants, Inc.

General Meeting (Monthly) (Concerned Black Men Building)

**Mon., December 06, 2004 (DCF), 7:30 PM
Thu., December 09, 2004 (ABF), 8:00 PM**

Club Valiants, Inc.

Executive Officers

President
Claude Smith

1st Vice-President
Eric Fleming

2nd Vice-President
David Reaves

Secretary (Correspondence)
Derek Bowmer

Treasurer
William Smalls

Business Manager
Larry Edwards (Acting)

Building Manager
Michele French

Chaplain
Diane Mercer

Sergeant-At-Arms
Lloyd Edwards

Board of Directors

Dorsey Jackson
Derrick Sawyer
Robert Wilkins
Willie Williams

A Message from the President

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All of our prayers have been answered. Our beloved brother Danny Williams has returned to work. We all knew that he is one of great inner strength to overcome any obstacle. I believe that all of the positive energy, that you as members mustered, that flowed in his direction was good for him and all of us. It's good to have him back. Continue to keep him in your prayers for a full recovery.

We are coming upon the season for giving. Firefighters and Paramedics have always been the kind of people who always give. We give our time, our hearts and our souls for many, many causes. As your President, I am asking you to give once again. The Employees' Combined Campaign which is the same as the United Way Fund is underway in the Fire Department.

There are many organizations such as the United Negro College Fund, The Black United Fund, The Second Alarmers and so many more that provide services to people that are in desperate need. Your donation can make a huge difference in someone's life.

I believe that if you give you will feel so good about yourself, knowing your dollars make all the wonderful programs that are funded from your donation continue. People in need deserve a break, kids deserve a break, and the elderly deserve a break. Only you can give them one. Get your pledge cards in as soon as possible. I trust you to do the right thing.

In, closing, with the holidays approaching fast we must consider what really occurs here. No matter what religion you embrace the one thing that holds true is that mankind should be at peace and that we should love one another. The war in Iraq continues and we hope that our Business Manager, Al Holman returns home quickly and safely.

In recent light of the National Basketball Association fiasco, the college football game fight and other things of a violent nature, only peace is the answer. The lyrics of some Christmas Carols say, Peace on earth and goodwill to all men. This applies to everyone, not just Christians.

Happy Holidays, Feliz Navidad and Happy Kwanza and hopes of a joyous New Year from the entire Executive Board and Board of Directors, to each and everyone of you.

Claude Smith
President



**Feliz
Navidad**



Announcements



Condolences

Erica C. Garrison

Condolences to Donald Garrison (Ladder 18/A), upon the passing of his daughter Erica C. Garrison. Funeral services were on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, Triumph Baptist Church, 1536 West Wingohocking Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

Phillip Poindexter, Sr.

Condolences to Phillip Poindexter, Jr. (Car 02), upon the passing of his father Phillip Poindexter, Sr. Funeral services for Phillip Poindexter, Sr. were on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 (BDF), Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, 428 N. 41st Street (41st and Spring Garden Streets), Philadelphia, PA.

Stephen Kerrin

Condolences to the family of FF Stephen Kerrin (Retired) upon his passing on Monday, September 06, 2004. Funeral services were on Saturday, September 11, 2004 (BDF) at W. D. Jackson Funeral Home, 1616 Easton Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090.

Carla Burgess

Condolences to Donald Burgess (Engine 09/B), upon the passing of his sister Carla Burgess. Funeral services were on Saturday, September 11, 2004 (BDF) at New Hope Temple Baptist Church, 711 S. 12th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147.

Bernice Randolph

Condolences are being sent to the family of Stanley Randolph (Engine 63/D) on the passing of his mother Bernice Randolph, who passed on Thursday, September 23, 2004. Funeral

services were Thursday, September 30, 2004 at Fifty-Ninth Street Baptist Church, 324 S. 59th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143.

Myrna Williams

Condolences are being sent to Preston White (Battalion Aide 2/A) on the passing of his sister Myrna Williams. Funeral services were Saturday, October 09, 2004 at Open Door Baptist Church, 26th Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA.

FF John Wardlaw (Retired), Engine 11

Condolences to the family of FF John Wardlaw (Retired), Engine 11. Funeral services will be on Saturday, November 27, 2004 (DCE), 9:00 – 10:00, funeral following at Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church, 419 S. 6th Street (between Pine and Lombard Streets), Philadelphia, PA.

Get Well Wishes



John O. Greene (Engine 66, Retired)

Get well wishes and prayers go out to John O. Greene who received a kidney transplant in June.

Daniel Williams

Get well wishes and prayers go out to Battalion Chief Daniel Williams.

Joaquin Colon

Get well wishes and prayers go out to Joaquin Colon (Engine 44/A).

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SPECIAL ELECTION

2004

**Friday, December 17, 2004 (ABF)
Concerned Black Men Building**

7200 N. 21st Street

Ballots may be cast in person. The polls shall be open from 09:00 AM to 09:00 PM. Any member waiting to vote at the time the polls close shall be permitted to vote.

Anyone needing an Absentee Ballot notify the office by 12/07/04 by telephone.

Absentee Ballots postmarked 12/17/04 will be counted

You may vote for THREE (03) Candidates', only. The three (03) Candidates with the highest votes are elected.

**Kenneth Greene (Ladder 14/B)
Joseph Sawyer (Retired)
Kenneth Christian (Retired)
Troy Gore (Engine 19/A)
Robert J. Taylor (Engine 35/C)**



Snow Removal (for a nominal fee)

If you are interested in removing snow from Club Valiants property, please contact the Building Manager, Michele French, 215.620.1553 (C).



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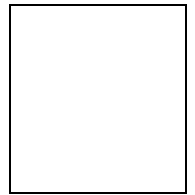
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215-276-8222/215-548-0333 (F)

Don't forget the Valiants Hotline is in service. If you wish to leave a message for a Board Member, Executive Officer, or member, call anytime day or night!