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Spelling Bee

Our annual Council Spelling Bee will be held Sunday February 1st. The competition will start at 1:30 P.M. It should not take more than an hour or so. That is still plenty of time to get home and get things ready for the Super Bowl. Deputy Grand Knight Bob Tartaglia will be the moderator this year. We will need help setting up and we need a panel of three judges. If you can spare an hour or two on the first, please come out and help.

Basketball Free Throw Championship

The Basketball Free Throw Championship, open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 was held on Saturday, January 24th 2009 at the OLPH school gym. District level competition will be held February 7, 2009 at St. Paul's gym located at 250 James Street, Burlington, NJ at 9:30 a.m. For additional information call Brian @ 856.979.9462. *Proof of age is required through entire Championship

Substance Abuse Poster Contest

The substance abuse poster contest was on Monday, January 26th. Judging, at the time of publication of this newsletter, was scheduled for January 31st. Results of the judging will not be available for this edition of The Navigator, but will be posted as they become available for posting on the website and the newsletter.

Sad News

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of beloved member of Council 5714, Lionel Conley, during the month of January. Lionel passed away shortly after John McBride. Lionel was the type of person with whom one you started speaking to you felt like you knew him for a long time. Lionel was instrumental with his input into Council activities and did what he could to volunteer and help out. Lionel will be missed by all and we ask you please keep Lionel's family in your prayers.

February Birthdays

Anthony J. Martino	Anthony J. Saporito	Deacon Joseph A. Card	Matthew C. Badowski
Philip J Quirolo	Raymond A. Lotierzo	Steven E. Schmidt	Thomas C. Juliano
Thomas G. Long	Thomas J. Mastrangelo	Thomas J. Mastrangelo	Thomas J. Mastrangelo

**Please contact the fraternal chairman if you know if anyone who is sick, in distress, or recently deceased*

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How To Submit An Article for The Navigator?

Articles are due by the Surge Meeting each month, usually the third Tuesday. They can be submitted in writing (typewritten or legibly handwritten), by email in MS Word format or in the body of a mail message, or by logging on to our website under the Members section. Chris Rzepski is the contact person at (610) 631-2016 chrisrzepski@comcast.net.

Need A Handyman?

Call/email Jim Berg at (609) 560-1209 iceberg5555@comcast.net if you are in need of general help around the house and ask about our Handyman Program.

Legal Assistance

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Grand Knight's Message

Jim Berg (609)560-1209 or iceberg5555@comcast.net

This year has started out on a very sad note. We lost two good Knights and good friends, John Mc Bride and Lionel Conley. Before I joined the Knights I only knew John by sight. When I joined the Knights in 2003 John urged me to get involved in the Council. I didn't think I was ready to be nominated for an Officer's position but in June of 2004 I was elected to the position of Outside Guard. I then moved up to Warden, Deputy Grand Knight and now Grand Knight. Through these years John was instrumental in my development as a Knight. To me and a lot of other Knight's he was "Mr. Degree". If there was ever a question on degrees the first person we consulted was John. He was present at almost every interview and degree for the five years I have been a Knight. Last year John passed all of his degree materials on to me. I hope I can live up to the potential he saw in me.

One of the first Knights I became friends with was Lionel Conley. Before I joined I did not know Lionel. At one of the first Business Meetings I attended Lionel introduced himself to me. After only a few minutes with him I felt as though I had known him for a long time. I have seen Lionel do this with other new members. What a difference it makes when you can talk to someone in a room full of people you don't know. Feeling a little more at home I got more involved with Council activities.

We owe a lot to John and Lionel. Now that they are no longer with us it is up to us to step up and fill the void they have left. It might be as easy as saying hi to a new member. Maybe you can think about chairing or helping out at one of our events. As I explained last month we need people to take over many positions. John has always taken care of the RSVP collection at WAWA. He has everything set up we just need some one to take over for him.

February 2009 Calendar of Events

Day	Event	Times
1	Spelling Bee, Council Home	1:30 PM
2	Groundhog Day	
3	Officer's Meeting, Council Home	7:30 PM
9	Home Association Meeting, Council Home	7:30 PM
10	Business Meeting, Council Home	8:00 PM (7:40 Rosary)
11	Fourth Degree Meeting, Delran Council	6:45 PM
14	Valentine's Day	
16	Presidents' Day	
16	Squire's Meeting, Council Home	7:00 PM
17	Surge Meeting, Council Home	7:30 PM
22	Knight Volunteer Sunday, OLPH Church	All Masses
24	Columbiette's Meeting, Council Home	7:00 PM
25	Ash Wednesday	
25	Social Meeting, Council Home	8:00 PM
27	Pool and Poker Night, Council Home	7:00 PM

Community Activities Report

PGK Larry York, GK 779-1696

By the time you receive this Navigator, President Obama may have signed the Freedom of Choice Act (F.O.C.A.). If this happens call Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez of the U. S. Senate and Rob E. Andrews of the U. S. Congress and express your displeasure. I will post their telephone numbers at the Council Home on the bulletin board.

The first Saturday in February, the 7th, there is a Pro Life Mass at St. Peter Celestine Church at 6:30 A.M. followed by the Rosary at he Abortion Center down the street. Please come and join us.

This Lent the Knights will lead the Stations of the Cross in O.L.P.H. Church on Friday March 6th at 7:30 P.M.

I learned from the "American Family Associations" that PEPSI made a one million dollar donation to two homosexual groups that lobby for same sex marriages and other agenda issues. While PEPSI can donate to whoever they want, so can we. I encourage all Knights to boycott PEPSI and their other products, Quaker Oats, Gator Aide etc.

There is also a homosexual play that I learned from "America Needs Fatima" organization that portrays Jesus as a homosexual. We must not allow our Lord to be blasphemed by those who do not respect our beliefs. I will soon have post-cards that can be mailed to protest this play.

I would like to encourage all Knights, especially with your family, to pray the Rosary together. And secondly, to go to Mass often and to make Church visits. It is a blessing that our Church is open during the day.

And finally, we need heroes today. The Phillies, Eagles and Sixers ect. are not enough. Real hero's like John Paul II, Mother Theresa and people we may not know like Alfie Lamec, Edel Quinn, who are part of the "Legion of Mary". And Geanna Bretta Molla who was a mother who gave her life so that her daughter could be born. Hero's can challenge us, for we are all called to be Saints.

Degree Report

Membership Director Sam Cerasi 667-1533

There are two Second Degrees and two Third Degrees scheduled. If you can attend any of these degrees, please contact Membership Director Sam Cerasi or Grand Knight Jim Berg as soon as possible. Some of these degrees will fill up fast. We need to make your reservation as early as we possibly can. Please check the dates below and let us know.

Second Degrees:

Tuesday Feb. 24th 8:00 PM St. Peter's Merchantville

Thursday Apr. 16th 8:00 PM Archangel Pine Hill

Third Degrees:

Friday Feb. 13th 8:30 PM Holy Child Hilltop

Friday Mar. 27th 8:30 PM St. Peter's Merchantville

Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep Brother Lou Petrocelli in your prayers. Lou recently underwent bypass surgery.



Who Are The Knights of Columbus?

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. ▪ Father Michael J. McGivney and a handful of Catholic laymen founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, in the basement of St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Haven, Connecticut. The aim of the founder was to set up a parish-based lay organization that offered insurance benefits to the widows and children of members. In an era when parish and fraternal societies were popular, Father McGivney felt there should be some way to strengthen the religious faith of his flock and provide financial support for families overwhelmed by illness or the death of the breadwinner. ▪ Today the Knights of Columbus have grown from that one local unit, or council, to over 12,000 councils in the United States (including Puerto Rico and Guam), Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, and Saipan. In January 2006, the Knights of Columbus will

expand to Poland. ▪ Membership is over 1.7 million members, plus their families - approximately 5.6 million people total - many of whom are actively involved in volunteer service programs for the Catholic Church, their communities, their families, young people and one another. ▪ Council 5714 works with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Maple Shade, NJ.

How Do I Make A Difference?

The Knights are *always* looking for volunteers. You can participate as often as you like depending on your schedule. We have several programs that benefit the Church, community, and our membership at large. Our website at www.kofc5714.org as well as this newsletter outline some of the activities you can be involved in. If you are a practical Catholic gentlemen 18 years of age or older, please contact us at (856) 779-9863 or visit the Contact Us link on our website.

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Prayer for The Sick

*Omnipotent and eternal God,
the everlasting Salvation of those who believe,
hear us on behalf of Thy sick servant,
for whom we beg the aid of Thy pitying mercy,
that, with his/her bodily health restored,
he/she may give thanks to Thee in Thy church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Please Remember Our Sick

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| Bernard Bryson | At Home |
| Bill Curry | At Home |
| George Skoviak | At Home |
| Michael Rusnak | At Home |
| Olga Balsama | At Home |
| Pete Ranjo (Senior) | in Veteran's Hospital, Lyons, NJ |
| Stanley Andiok | At Home |
| Ted Adams | At Home |