

THE NAVIGATOR

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First Bi-Monthly Issue

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As I wrote last month, starting with the November-December issue the Navigator will be published every other month. Our fund raising events this year so far have been way below expectations. We are thinking of any thing we can do to save money for the Council. Each month the expense for printing and mailing the Navigator runs almost \$200.00. By going to a bi-monthly issue we can save about \$1,200 per year. The calendars for the two months will be in the one issue and I am sure that some things will change over that period of time. Please check our web site, www.kofc5714.org, for updates and changes. If you do not have access to a computer please call Grand Knight Jim Berg at 609-560-1209. If the two month issue proves a problem or if finances improve we will go back to a monthly issue.



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New Year's Eve at the Knights

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I have explained in many other articles about how the Council is a little short on funds lately. Well, you can do something about it and have a ball at the same time. Each year we put on a New Year's Eve Party. It is one of our biggest fund raisers. Our hall will hold a little over two hundred people. We usually have about one hundred and twenty fine at our event. This year I would like to see two hundred but we need you help to do that. If you buy two tickets, then get you friends and relatives to buy tickets we can easily sell out this party and get the Council back on its feet financially.

The cost is \$50.00 per person. Some people might think that \$50.00 is too much to spend or that the Knights probably put on a pretty dull party. Actually if you check around you will find that \$50.00 is not a bad price. For that price you get; an open bar, not just beer and wine, we also serve mixed drinks, you get a great buffet meal, you get hats for the men and tiara's for the ladies, noise makers and streamers. We have Terry O this year as our DJ. Terry is one of the best DJ's around and plays every kind of music you can think of. He also takes requests. Another big plus is that we are right in town. You don't have to travel far. If you have never attended one of our New Year's Eve Parties please come this year. I am sure that once you see how much fun you can have, you will be back each year.

There you have it. Reasonable price, open bar, great food, terrific entertainment, close to home. If you are going out for New Year's, this is the place to go. If you can get ten people together we will seat you at the same table. Remember you will not only be helping your Council you will have a great time. Please call me for tickets.

November Birthdays (December birthdays listed inside —>)

Bernard D. Bryson	Brian Kohler	Carmen J. Artuso	Christopher M. Rzepski
Edwin J. Taylor	John N. Mc Bride	Joseph M. Lorenzo	Philip S. Mantos
Samuel M. Cerasi	William Fatula	William G Jezior	

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

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 hand-written), by email in MS Word format or in the body of a mail message, or by logging on to our web-site under the Members section. Chris Rzepski is the contact person at (610) 631-2016 chrizrzepski@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

MATTHEW F. ALIVERNINI
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Free Telephone Consultation
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December Birthdays

Christopher J. Houck Deacon Ronald S. Meyers Dominick T Morrone Edward B. Reed
 Hugh W Mc Nulty John V. Hiliard Jr. Joseph J. Lynch Jr Joseph R. Matthews
 Richard S. Di Donato

Grand Knight's Message

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Last month we had to cancel our planned Oktoberfest scheduled for Sunday October 4th. As of the Wednesday before the Oktoberfest we had not sold even a single ticket. At our October Business Meeting it was brought up that Sunday was not a good day to have it. In past years we were able to have our Oktoberfest on Friday nights. The German band could no longer schedule Friday nights. Our caterer had events scheduled for every Saturday night in October, so Friday and Saturday's were out. Sunday was the only day remaining. The officers decided to take a chance and schedule a Sunday afternoon. I know that some members were planning on buying tickets but we needed a little more support from our members. If anyone has an idea on how we can make some money, please attend an Officer's meeting or a Surge meeting and let us know. All suggestions will be considered.

At the October Business Meeting several other money saving items were discussed. The television in the members room is hooked up to Comcast Cable. Comcast charges us \$81.00 per month. Since we usually only watch the TV a few hours a month it was decided to cancel our cable service. There is also a computer in our members room that is hooked up to the internet. We pay \$43.00 per month for that service. Since the computer is not used we decided to discontinue that service. Both of these items were brought to the floor at the meeting, discussed, a motion was presented and seconded then voted on by the membership. Both motions passed unanimously. We need everyone's input at these meetings. If you do not agree with what we have done please come to the November meeting and let us know.

With these two items and the bi-monthly Navigator we will be saving the Council about \$2,700 per year. If we can have some successful fund raising activities maybe we can reinstate some of the things we have had to cut. With the help of all our members I am sure this can be done.

November - December 2009 Calendar of Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Times</u>
<u>November 2009</u>		
1	Memorial Mass, OLPH Church	9:00 AM Mass
1	Daylight Savings Time Ends, Turn Your Clocks Back!	
3	Election Day	
3	Officer's Meeting, Council Home	7:30 PM
8	Fourth Degree Exemplification, Eatontown NJ	12:00 Noon
9	Home Association Meeting, Council Home	7:30 PM
10	Business Meeting, Council Home	8:00 PM (7:40 Rosary)
11	Fourth Degree Business Meeting, Delran Council	6:45 PM
11	Veterans Day	
15	Membership Blitz, OLPH Church	All Masses
16	Squire's Meeting, Council Home	7:00 PM
17	Surge Meeting, Council Home	7:30 PM
21	Food Basket Delivery, Council Home	9:00 AM
22	Fourth Degree Memorial Mass, Tabernacle	8:30 AM
24	Columbiette's Meeting, Council Home	7:00 PM
25	Tentative Socail Meeting, Council Home	8:00 PM
26	Thanksgiving Day	
27	Pool and Poker Night, Council Home	7:00 PM
29	Volunteer Sunday, OLPH Church	All Masses
<u>December 2009</u>		
1	Officer's Meeting, Council Home	7:30 PM
6	Altar Server Recognition Mass, OLPH Church	12:00 Mass
7	Home Association Meeting, Council Home	7:30 PM

<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Times</u>
8	Business Meeting, Council Home	8:00 PM (7:40 Rosary)
9	Fourth Degree Advent Party, Council Home	7:00 PM
14	Squire's Meeting, Council Home	7:00 PM
15	Surge Meeting, Council Home	7:30 PM
16	Members Christmas Party	7:00 PM
19	Christmas Food Basket Delivery, Council Home	9:00 AM
20	Children's Christmas Party	1:00 PM
21	Columbiette's Meeting, Council Home	7:00 PM
24	Christmas Eve	
25	Christmas Day	
31	New Year's Eve Party, Council Home	

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets

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Each year the Council distributes food baskets to needy families in our community just before Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year the dates for delivering the baskets will be Saturday November 21st for the Thanksgiving baskets and Saturday December 19th for the Christmas baskets. We usually meet at the member's room about 9:00 AM on both days. If you would like to help this year, please meet us then.

The money to buy the food for the baskets is donated by Maple Shade businesses. I would like to thank Larry York for distributing the letters requesting the donation from all of our businesses. Larry also sends out Thank You letter to everyone that donates. Each year the OLPH Prep program collects food donations from the students. Last year, Coordinator of Religious Education Michele Salvino, informed me that the Knights would receive that donation. That made a huge difference in the amount of food we were able to put in each basket. I am happy to report that we will receive the food donation from the Prep program this year also.

When I think about some of the work we do as a Council, I think about how the principles the Knights were founded on apply. Our Food Basket Drive is one event that covers the first three principles, Charity, Unity and Fraternity. The Charity part is obvious. The Unity and Fraternity comes when we pick up the donations at OLPH, then when we put together the baskets and deliver them. It is a truly heart warming time. When I delivered the baskets the families that received them were overjoyed and thankful. Helping people is one reason I joined the Knights. If you have the time, please try to come out and help us with this activity.

Event Reminder

The two month calendar is printed in this issue but since there are so many things going on these two months I just wanted to list some of them so that you don't miss anything.

Thanksgiving Food Basket Delivery	November 21st
Altar Server Recognition Sunday	December 6th
Members Christmas Party	December 16th
Christmas Food Basket Delivery	December 19th
Children's Christmas Party	December 20th

We will also be caroling at The Palace and Sterling Manor nursing homes this year. We usually do this in the evening during the week. We will be visiting Cooper Hospital with Santa. We usually do this on a Saturday about noon. Sam Cerasi will schedule. I will give you the dates and time at the Business Meeting or please check the web site for the dates and times or call Grand Knight, Jim Berg at 609-560-1209.

Degree Report

There is one Second Degree scheduled:

Monday	November 16th	7:45 PM	Hilltop NJ
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There are two Third Degrees scheduled:

Friday	November 20th	7:30 PM	Collings Lakes NJ
Friday	December 11th	8:00 PM	Haddon Twp. NJ

If you need a second or third degree and you can attend one of the above degrees please contact Membership Director Joe Boyle at 267-343-4471 or jgboylejr@comcast.net. You can also contact Grand Knight Jim Berg at 609-560-1209 or iceberg5555@comcast.net. These degrees fill up fast so please call as soon as you can so that we can reserve your space at the degree.]



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

Bernard Bryson	At Home
Bill Curry	At Home
Bob Holtz [Father Bob's Dad]	Not Sure
George Skoviak	At Home
Leonard Rzepski [Chris's Father]	Nursing Home
Michael Rusnak	At Home
Olga Balsama	At Home
Pete Ranjo (Senior)	in Veteran's Hospital, Lyons, NJ
Stanley Andiok	At Home