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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

Spring has sprung! Flowers and trees are abloom, robins return to greet us with their morning song, children finalize their preparations for making their First Holy Communion and we venture outdoors to reclaim the territory formerly referred to as our yard. It is a time of renewal and rebirth. It is a time of hope, a time of joy, a time of rejoicing for the long night of our despair has ended and the first shimmering rays of light can be seen peeking over the horizon. It is the dawn of a new day; it is a new beginning. It is a time of opportunity. It is a time of rejoicing. For we have been given a second chance, a chance to start anew, to redeem ourselves, to make amends for out past misdeeds and short comings and start over. Yes, we get a do-over, we get to take a mulligan (for you golfers). We have an opportunity to try again. It is a wonderful time, it is a beautiful thing, it is Spring!

The world is alive! New life is springing up everywhere. The birds are singing the flowers are blooming, little creatures are running about. The life giving sun is shinning, bathing us in its warmth. Life is all around. We are surrounded by it. We are immersed in it. We can become a part of it and it can become a part of us! Will we accept this opportunity or will we let it slip by. Will we be merely a spectator? Will we allow ourselves to be unaffected by the surging energy of life around us or will we seize this opportunity to grow and renew our lives?

Life is all around us. It is the dawn of a new day. It is a beautiful day. It is a time of renewal. It is a time filled with new life. It is a time for living. It is Spring! It is Life! Choose to be a part of it. Choose to live!

God Bless,

Don

CHAPLAIN'S LOG

Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin the month of May, we are reminded that May is the month of Mary. This is a special time for us to renew our devotion to the Blessed Mother. May Our Lady pray for each of us and our families and may Mary, Queen of Peace, protect all those serving in our armed forces and together let us pray that those in harm's way will return soon to their loved ones.

"Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ."

Peace,

Fr. Michael

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND *DECEASED*

DD Pat Conners, Bud Delaney, Terri Denny, Charles Kirsch, Ed Kuntz, Bill Holtz, Fr. Joe Linck, Marleen Short, Harry Walter, *Clem Federowicz, Felicia Gurski, John Holdereid, Catherine LaFleur, Joe Matesa, Gene Stimeric,* Maxine Weber, PSD Joe Yourish and for all other sick and *deceased* members of our K of C families.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHERS

MAY DATES

1	Jerry Meyer
6	Joe Gurski
7	Kevin Dorcak
11	Bill Syrek
14	Bernard Cmar
14	Edward Kuzemchak
19	Keith Brown
19	Adam Santavicca
23	Paul Holmes
25	James S. Bertera
27	Charles Dwyer
29	Patsy Cantola

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 7 Regular Meeting at Garden City Fire Hall 8 PM
May 17 Ascension Thursday, Holy Day of Obligation
May 21 Regular Meeting at Garden City Fire Hall 8 PM
May 27 Pentecost
Jun 4 Regular Meeting at Garden City Fire Hall 8 PM
Jun 23 Chapter Golf Outing. Contact Mike Lynch at 412-795-7679

PENNY DRIVE

The annual penny drive at or local parishes will begin in May and extend into June. Please be sure to sign up to help the kids at McGuire Home and in the St Anthony School Programs.

NEW DEGREES

Congratulations to our new brothers Greg Blake, Charles Chase, and Barry Quinones who recently received their First and Second Degrees at Council 12219 (Plum) and to John Webster who took his First Degree April 26th at Manordale Council .

GRAND KNIGHT HONORED

A surprised District Deputy Don Loperfito received the Regis J. Sheehan Award from Bishop Bradley at the Bishop's Project Report Dinner in recognition his leadership of the outstanding effort by the councils in his district.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER PICNIC

The annual Chapter Family Picnic will be held at Idlewild Park on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Discount prices are $19 for adults and $14 for children (ages 3-10). The Chapter will provide a hot dog roast and refreshments at Pavilion C-7. Families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Call Mike Lynch at 412-795-7679 or Frank Rozzo at 412-885-1799 for tickets and/or info.

SAINT BERNADETTE FESTIVAL

Dates - June 7-8-9
Volunteers Needed!
Contact – Roger H. Kennelly Sr. at 412.856.6210 or rogersr@firstcall-plumbing.com
Following areas help is needed - Beer Tent, Casino Tent, and Registration.
$10,000.00 Raffle Tickets for sale only $25.00 per ticket!

WATCH YOUR STEP

A SIGN ON the back of an Amish buggy read, "Caution, don't step in the exhaust."

TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS

Brother Knights, here is your opportunity to get some extra funds to help pay your Catholic School tuition bill. Five tuition reimbursement awards of $250 each will be made to children of 4925 members* for the coming school year.
*Members must have received the 3rd Degree of the Order.

HOW TO ENTER

Mail application forms, one for each child attending a Catholic elementary (kindergarten included) or high school, for the 2007-2008 school year.
The deadline is June 30, 2007. In early July, 5 winners' names will be selected by random drawing. Call Dom at 412-372-2583 or Clay at 412-372-6672 to get your application.

TOOTSIE ROLLS

As we head into next year's campaign for the Bishop's Project, the council is in need of a volunteer to serve as Tootsie Roll chairman. Contact Pat Boccardi at 412-795-2329 (day) or 724-327-4138 (evening), find out what it entails, and talk it over with him.

POLO SHIRTS

Polo shirts with the Council Logo are still available in a variety of colors and still $21 for the shirt and additional $3 if you want your name embroidered on it. Contact Don Loperfito at 412-795-4529, donl214@comcast.net.

TROOP 220 NEEDS A VOLUNTEER

St. Bernadette Troop 220 needs an *Ad Altare Dei* Award Counselor to meet with the scouts on a weekly basis to earn the *Ad Altare Dei* Award. The program lasts September to February, 2007 and 2008, and includes one retreat. Training, to occur in May by the Diocese of Pittsburgh, would be required. The purpose of the *Ad Altare Dei* (to the altar of God) program is to help Catholic Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments. The seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth. If interested, please contact Bob Condrac, Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 220 at 412-856-5529.

ORDINATION

Deacon Bill Dorner is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthod on Saturday June 20th.

OUR COUNCIL ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Check out our new web site at
http://www.angelfire.com/planet/knights4925

Many thanks to Ken for making this possible.

Happy Eastertide!