



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 5714

The Navigator

March 2013



COUNCIL OFFICERS

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DIRECTOR	Ted Kovalesky
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	Tom Murphy
	Robert Tartaglia, PGK

EX OFFICIO MEMBER Brian Kohler, Sr., GK

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Almost seven years ago I converted to the Catholic faith. As a relatively "new" Catholic, I learn more about our religion with each passing holiday every year. I understand that with Easter approaching, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, but I never really understood how the Easter Bunny fit into one of Catholicism's most scared holidays. What could Jesus and the Easter Bunny have in common?

As it turns out, in 13th century pre-Christian Germany they worshipped many different gods and goddesses. One of these goddesses was Eostra, the goddess of spring and fertility. Celebrations in her honor were held on the Vernal, or Spring, Equinox. Her symbol was the rabbit because of its high reproductive rate. Spring also represents new life and rebirth, and eggs have always been an ancient symbol of fertility.

When Roman Catholicism became the dominant religion in 15th century Germany, some pagan beliefs were incorporated into it for higher conversion rates; stories were told of a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them in a garden. Because both Easter and the feasts for Eostra occur on or around the Vernal Equinox, the correlation between Easter and the "Easter" bunny soon started.

And that is how the Easter bunny came to be.

Have a Happy Easter !

Brian Kohler, GK
856-979-9462 or bdkohler@comcast.net

PGK Testimonial Dinner

If you would like to purchase tickets for PGK Bob Tartaglia's Testimonial Dinner and have not already done so, it is still not too late. The dinner will be held at Stefano's Ristorante in Mt. Laurel, NJ beginning at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$25.00 each so feel free to contact me if you wish to attend.

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COUNCIL NEWS

Council Easter Egg Hunt

Our Council Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 24th, Palm Sunday. The Hunt will start at 2:00 PM this year to allow those attending the noon Mass ample time to make it. We will begin hiding the eggs at 1:30 PM so if you can volunteer your time to help, please come out at that time. I would like to thank everyone in advance for all their help.

Tom York
856-667-7013

Council #5714 Welcomes New Members

Council #5714 would like to welcome Brian Kohler, Jr., son of Grand Knight Brian Kohler, Sr., and Sean Turzanski as members. Both Brian and Sean took their 1st Degree on February 7th in Tabernacle, NJ. They then took their 2nd Degree on February 20th, also in Tabernacle, along with Brother Greg Houck, son of Brother Ed Houck. Welcome to Council #5714!!!

Bob Tartaglia, PGK
609-410-0424 or pippo21@aol.com

Youth Director Position Filled

Effective July 1, 2013, the Youth Director position will be taken over by new member Sean Turzanski. Sean joined our ranks on February 7th. I know Sean can count on the same support that has been given to me during my tenure as Youth Director. Thank you, Sean, for volunteering as our Youth Director.

Brian Kohler, GK
856-979-9462 or bdkohler@comcast.net

Please report any errors or corrections to:

navigator5714@gmail.com

YOUTH EVENTS

Basketball Free Throw

The winners of our Council Basketball Free Throw Competition held on Saturday, January 26th are:

Age 11 Boys - Tyler Bachman
Age 12 Boys - Joey Oczkowski
Age 13 Boys - Samuel Beatty

Age 11 Girls - Olivia Gibbs
Age 12 Girls - Dakota Schmidt
Age 13 Girls - Julianna Achorn

Thank you to all who came out to help! Incidentally, Julianna Achorn is the daughter of Brother Bob Achorn IV.

Substance Abuse Poster Contest

Our Council Substance Abuse Poster Contest posters were judged on Tuesday, February 5th. The winners of the poster contest are:

Ages 8-11 Alcohol - Ian Irwin (O.L.P.H. School)
Ages 8-11 Drugs - Maria Jimenez (Steinhauer)
Ages 12-14 Alcohol - Abigail Jimenez (Steinhauer)
Ages 12-14 Drugs - Brittney Buda (Steinhauer)

Thank you to those who helped judge the posters before our February Officers Meeting.

8th Grade Spelling Bee

As with last year, no students showed up for our Council Spelling Bee. Over the course of three years, we have had only one participant attend. Letters were sent to the principals of M.S.H.S. and O.L.P.H. in hopes of getting participation from their schools. If a viable way to get students to attend isn't found, there is a strong possibility we may cancel the Spelling Bee altogether.

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Want to keep up with current events of our Council?
Be sure to visit our website for updated information.

Our website is:

<http://www.kofc5714.org>

FINANCIAL SECRETARY MESSAGE

If you received a "Second Notice" and have not paid your 2013 dues, please try to take care of that payment as soon as you can. Final Notices will be mailed in a few weeks. The money the Council spends on excess postage for second and final notices could be better used to help people instead of being spent on reminders.

If you have any questions, or if paying your dues is a hardship, please call or write our Financial Secretary Jim Berg at 609-660-1209 or iceberg5555@comcast.net.

Jim Berg, PGK
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FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

The March John Tathem Assembly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13th. If you can only attend one meeting a year, this is the meeting to attend. We will be distributing checks to all Trenton Diocesan Seminarians. Bishop O'Connell has been invited, but we have not heard back from him yet on whether he will attend. We currently expect all Seminarians to attend. No Assembly business will be conducted at this meeting. We will start at 6:45 PM with cocktails followed by dinner being served at 7:30. After dinner, our Faithful Navigator, Dwayne Schmidt, will speak. Bishop O'Connell will then speak followed by the distribution of checks. Because the dinner will include Prime Rib, the cost for the March dinner will be \$20.00 per member. Dress is jacket and tie.

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

FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES

If you know of any Knight or family member that is either sick or in distress and needs prayers or any other assistance, please contact Joe Stefanko by phone at 856.482.0988 or by email at joestef3@verizon.net.

SICK LIST

Stanley Awdiok	John Obuchowski
Bernard Bryson	Pete Ranjo, Sr.
Bill Curry	Leonard Rzepski
Bob Holtz (Fr. Bob's Dad)	Joe Stefanko

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

The following Council members celebrated their birthday during the month of February. Happy Birthday from all the members of Council 5714. Our apologies for not including you in the February Navigator.

Robert Achorn IV	Rev. Louis Rayappan
Carmen Argentina	Rev. Eugene Rebeck
Joseph Ferry, Jr.	Michael Rusnak
Richard Fiolkowski	Charles Thompson
Aldo Mignone	Thomas Toy
Mark Olesky	Michael Walsh

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

The following Council members will be celebrating their birthday during the month of March. Happy Birthday from all the members of Council 5714.

John Acker III	James Haggerty
Anthony Badame	Gregory Houck
Joseph Ciminera	Thomas Johnston
Harry Cosgrove	Lawrence Pleis, Jr.
Raymond Cox	Thomas Vallen
Michael Garafalo	Stephen Voellinger
Joseph Gillan	Ronald Yerkov

Change of Contact Information?

Have you recently moved or changed your email address or phone number but would like to continue to receive updates about our Council? You may email any updated contact information to navigator5714@gmail.com or contact me at the information listed below and I will make sure to get your information up to date.

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Day	Event	Time
5	Officers Meeting @ Council Hall	7:30 PM
11	Home Association Meeting @ Council Hall	7:30 PM
12	Business Meeting @ Council Hall	7:30 PM (7:10 PM Rosary)
13	Fourth Degree Dinner/Meeting @ Willingboro Council Hall	6:45 PM
19	Surge for Service Meeting @ Council Hall	7:30 PM
27	Social Night @ Council Hall	8:00 PM