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September 2009 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

Tues. 9-01-2009, 8:00 pm	Officers' Meeting	Heritage House
Thurs. 9/03/2009, 7:45 pm	Business Meeting	Cafeteria
Tues. 09/29/2009, 8:00 pm	Officers' Meeting	Heritage House
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Grand Knight's Comments:

Our most important fund raiser, the golf outing will be held Sept. 15th. Please see details later in this newsletter.

The annual Soccer Challenge will be held again this year, but we don't have a date as this letter is about to be mailed. Please make every effort to help if you are available when the date becomes known.

As you know from attending mass, Bishop Smith has launched a campaign concerning marriage as one-man, one-woman. This may involve handing out post cards after mass as was done with the Freedom of Choice Act campaign. I have offered Fr. Damian our services in this case. If the appeal is made, please make every effort to join in to help protect the sanctity of our respective marriages.

Looking ahead, our Pancake Breakfast will be on November 15th. This is a good fund raiser, but more importantly it a nice parish family affair. This requires a considerable amount of help to allow us to schedule shorter periods of time for each Knight to assist. Otherwise, it really places a heavy burden on a few. So, please let Greg Adams know as early as you can.

Tom Bell and Dick Bakely are co-membership chairs and will be making every effort to increase our council membership. However, for the good of the council, we are all expected to make efforts to enlist new members. We have been asked by Supreme to increase membership by a realistic and achievable 7%. Please keep this in mind as we go about our daily lives and talk to men whom we think would be an asset to our council and charitable efforts.

Please be sure to read Fr. Jim's chaplain's column in this letter. Father's columns are always very good. This one is a must read for all; particularly so if you are married.

If there are ever any questions or comments beyond what is in this letter, please don't hesitate to call me at 856 778 0043.

Degree Opportunities

Three of our Second Degree Knights have signed up for the Third Degree to be held on October 9th in Blackwood, Camden County. Any other Second degree members interested in taking the next degree are asked to call Tom Bell (856 235 6266) or Dick Bakely (856 235 7972)

as soon as possible and we will see if space is still available. Third Degree Knights interested in coming as observers should contact Tom or Dick.

Also, there is a Third degree scheduled on November 20th in Collings Lakes. Please let Tom or Dick know as soon as possible to guarantee a seat.

Cemetery Cleanup, The last Saturday of the month, 2009, 9:00-10:30 am @ Mt. Carmel Cemetery: All members and their families (and friends) are encouraged to help maintain the OLGK parish cemetery. **For additional information or to help out, please call Thom Scattaregia at 235-5240 or kofc1082@catholicweb.**

Chaplain's Column: Fr. Jim O'Neill

The bishops of New Jersey have asked all Catholics to participate in a marriage initiative from August 22nd through October 15th. In the announcement read at Masses on August 22-23, you heard:

The purpose of this collaborative effort among the Dioceses of New Jersey, the NJ Catholic Conference and the Knights of Columbus, is to uphold marriage as a sacred institution and to reject attempts by our legislature to re-define marriage in our state. The initiative includes our constant prayer for marriage and family, as well as educating ourselves on the fundamental meaning of marriage and current issues surrounding marriage.

Notice how prominent the Knights of Columbus are in protecting marriage in New Jersey. In the upcoming weeks, I expect that we will ask members of KC 1082 to help with the petition drive. All petitions will be delivered to our government representatives by October 15th.

In all of my homilies during this marriage initiative, I plan to address different aspects of marriage, relating them to the ultimate marriage of Christ and the Church. Different theologians have emphasized different aspects. St. Augustine talked about the goods of marriage while St. Thomas Aquinas emphasized the ends of marriage. Pope Pius XI in *Casti Connubii*, illustrated the blessings of marriage. In *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI called for an integral vision of man, and he connected the meanings of marriage to the other aspects. Pope John Paul II fulfilled Pope Paul VI's challenge with *The Theology of the Body*.

Teenagers in the 1950's (as far as I know) learned about three ends or purposes of marriage: the procreation and education of children, the mutual help of spouses, and a remedy for concupiscence. The primary end, purpose, or goal of marriage is the procreation and education of children. This is a very objective truth about marriage. With Popes Pius XI, Paul VI, and John Paul II, we hear more about the subjective experience and meaning of marriage. So, here's an image that hopefully helps with a subjective understanding of the objective truth that the primary end of marriage is the procreation and education of children. When a man and woman marry, they enter into a one flesh union. They gaze into each other's eyes. Whenever they engage in the marital embrace, they experience this one flesh union in a profound way. But there's more to marriage. Throughout married life (including the marital embrace), the couple both figuratively and often literally stand side by side. They hold hands, walk together, and look forward in life. They especially look together to the fruitfulness of their marital embrace: children. And while walking side by side throughout life, they enjoy and sacrifice for many

kinds of fruitfulness. Their love for each other is not isolated to themselves – it is shared with God, children, and society.

Please pray and work for a deeper understanding, appreciation, and gratitude for marriage for ourselves and all residents of New Jersey

Pro-Life Comments: Joe Graham

We have all seen the public forums about the Health Care Reform. It has been difficult to separate the wheat from the chaff, but I think it is gradually becoming something we can understand, at least to a degree. I see the public uproar as something positive if not the conduct of some of our fellow citizens. Too often, we sit back and allow things to happen.

It is my personal belief that somewhere, somehow there will be an attempt to find a way to provide free abortions. The Hyde Amendment presently forbids that, but it is my understanding that repealing this amendment is high on President Obama's to-do list. We need to express our opinion on this to our legislators as early as possible so that they see a large segment of the population opposing this before they have to make their position known.

I hope we all agree that the proposed health care reform bill is a pro-life matter. It has everything to do with the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, from the unborn to the aging and to those of any age who do not have health insurance.

VIVAT JESUS!

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