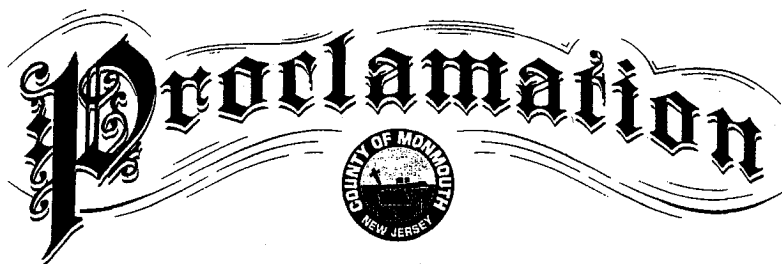


WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEM #1 – PROCLAMATIONS

Clerk of the Board acknowledged the following in house proclamation:

- **Director Burry** presented a proclamation to Sid Schneider and Robert Epstein, representatives of the Knights of Pythias, on the occasion of it's 140th Anniversary – *"Pythian Founders Month"*
Mr. Schneider and Mr. Epstein thanked the Board for their support of the Pythian organization and described the work that they do in the community.



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Pythian Founders Month

WHEREAS, the Order of the Knights of Pythias, founded by Justus Henry Rathbone, on February 19, 1864, was the first international fraternal non-sectarian organization to be granted a charter from the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, the founding principles of practicing Friendship, Charity and Benevolence in our daily lives, is the personification of the everlasting friendship and devotion of Damon and Pythias, and are the tenets followed today by members of the Pythian Order; and

WHEREAS, organized on March 16, 1868, the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of New Jersey, which today has 11 subordinate lodges with approximately 1,100 members, this year is celebrating its 140th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders to honor the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of New Jersey, for its continued service to our community, with endeavors including, "Hand of Friendship Day," "Coats for Kids," the Deborah Hospital Foundation, and the Children's Hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Chosen Freeholders, on behalf of all the citizens of Monmouth County, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2008, to be known in the County of Monmouth as:

"Pythian Founders Month"

and commend the membership of the Grand Knights of Pythias, Domain of New Jersey, for its many charitable and humanitarian endeavors and congratulate the International Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias on the 140th anniversary of this outstanding organization.


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MONMOUTH TO BE HERETO AFFIXED.

Clerk of the Board Gray acknowledged the following out of house proclamation:

Director Burry will be presenting a proclamation to 40 students who will be participating in the People to People Student Ambassador Program to China – “Student Ambassadors to China Day”



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People to People Student Ambassadors

WHEREAS, in 1963, the first participants of the People to People Student Ambassador Program traveled overseas, fulfilling the vision of President Dwight D. Eisenhower who believed that young people and one-to-one cooperation were the keys to global understanding; and

WHEREAS, in the 46 years since its inception, American students who have traveled under the banner of People to People are continuing to show the world the true image of the best of American youth, who help promote understanding between diverse people and share common goals, hope, courage, openness and a love of peace; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2008, a delegation of 40 student delegates from Monmouth and Ocean Counties will travel to China to partake in discussions of a critical issue in China today, the preservation of the environment through conservation of farmlands and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, as part of the seventeen day People to People Student Ambassador Program to China, these remarkable youngsters will make lasting friendships with students both from their local delegation and with the students they will meet, returning home with a broader, more enlightened perspective of the world.


NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, joins with the parents and friends of the exceptional young people involved in this exciting once-in-a-lifetime adventure, offering all our best wishes for a memorial journey, and proclaim this day, March 29, 2008 as:

“Student Ambassadors to China Day”

in the County of Monmouth.


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