



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange December, 2008

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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

TUESDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 13	Rosary For Life
Dec. 14	Lessons and Carols—St Catherine of Sienna @ 4 PM
Dec. 16	Social Meeting w/ guest speaker @ VCC 7:30 PM
Dec. 19	Christmas concert @ OLL 7:30 PM
Dec. 25	Blessed Christmas
Jan. 1	Happy New Year—Feast of Mary the Mother of God
Jan. 6	Feast of the Epiphany
Jan. 6	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30 PM
Jan. 9	Holiday Party @ The Russian Hall
Jan. 10	Rosary for Life
Jan. 10 & 11	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Jan. 17 & 18	Rose Sunday @ St. Catherine of Sienna
Jan. 20	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Sienna 7:30 PM
Jan. 22	March For Life @ Washington DC & Trenton

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Tempus Fugit! Remember those words from the 1st Degree? Time does indeed fly as the first half of the Columbian year will soon be behind us. It seems like we are just beginning with so many things on the agenda for 2009. I hope to see more of you getting involved in the new year, with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and fraternity, starting with our Holiday Party on January 9. We have the popular live band "Pet in the Middle" and the infamous Russian Hall fare. So get a table together and join us!

"Keep Christ in Christmas" is our cry this holiday season. Again we are selling lawn signs, buttons, and magnets. If you have them from last year, prominently display them. If not, buy them and do the same. Get the message out there.

On behalf of our council's officers, let me wish you and your families a very merry and blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Chuck Collins, GK



CHAPLAINS CORNER



Brother Knights!

Pope Benedict commented last year that: as we approach the celebration of Christ's Birth, isn't it interesting that we commemorate the feast of St Stephen, the first martyr, the very next day. Yet in the atmosphere of Christmas joy, the martyrdom of St. Stephen is not out of place; for the shadow of the Cross was already extending over the manger in Bethlehem.

Just as Jesus entrusted himself to the Father without reserve and pardoned those who killed him, at the moment of his death St. Stephen prayed: *Lord Jesus, receive my spirit*; and: *Lord, do not hold this sin against them*. Stephen was a genuine disciple of Jesus and imitated Him perfectly. With Stephen began that long series of martyrs who sealed their faith by offering their lives, proclaiming with their heroic witness that God became man to open the Kingdom of Heaven to mankind.

Already at the dawn of the Church, many Christians, attracted by Christ's example and sustained by His love, were to witness to their faith by pouring out their blood. The first martyrs would be followed by others down the centuries to our day. How can we not recognize that professing the Christian faith demands the heroism of the Martyrs in our time too, in various parts of the world? Moreover, how can we not say that everywhere, even where there is no persecution, there is a high price to pay for consistently living the Gospel?

May God grant us the grace to live our faith consistently, ever ready to answer those who ask us to account for the hope that is in us.

Vivat Jesu!

Fr. Robert

DECEMBER 16 SOCIAL MEETING W/ GUEST SPEAKER

Our meeting on Tuesday, December 16 at the Verona Community Center will be a social meeting, featuring Erin Venters who will give a short talk on "Christmas Reflections of the Joyous Mysteries". Ms. Venters is a graduate of Seton Hall University with a Masters degree in theology.

Friends and family are welcome to join us for this special Christmas social. Think of it as an early birthday party for Jesus. Refreshments and food will be served.

HOLIDAY PARTY—JANUARY 9, 2009

Save the date: Friday, January 9, 2009. Our annual Holiday Party will be held at the Russian Hall in Little Falls this year. Live entertainment will be provided by the local favorite band, *Pet In The Middle*. A family style dinner with the famous Russian Hall fare, beer and soda. A great evening for \$35/person. We suggest reserving a table of 10 and bringing friends and relatives. Advance reservations and payment will help us assure you a spot as we are anticipating a large turnout. Call Dave Lyon @ 973-857-1977 or Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684 for reservations.

Ads and sponsors for our program are also available. Call Chuck Collins @973-857-9124 to buy an ad.

JANUARY 50/50

Enclosed with this issue of the Knight Life, you will find tickets for the January 50/50 with a return envelope. They are \$5 each. Fill out and send back the stubs with your check made out to K of C #3632.

Our council winners for October were: Tom DeFrancisci, Mary Ciccoti, Marie Pierce, Frank Rodgers, Chuck Pritchard, Jean Munning, and the \$500 winner was Tom Finn. Congratulations! There were nine winning tickets sent out to our brother knights who did not return their stubs for a total of \$500.

If you would like more tickets as Christmas stocking stuffers, call PGK Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Continue to pray for your Spiritually Adopted baby. He/she is in it's second month of development.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”

This year we are selling lawn signs and car magnets with “Keep Christ In Christmas” on them. Lawn signs are \$10 each and magnets are \$3. Contact John Sommer at 973-857-1370 or Kevin Brown at 973-239-8830 . Quantities are limited so don’t procrastinate. Every brother Knight in this council should have these items for display on their lawns and vehicles.

These items are to remind us of the real reason for the Christmas season.



NEW MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Beginning in January, 2009, our council will be meeting the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Verona Community Center (VCC). The 3rd Tuesday of the month the meetings will be held at St. Catherine of Sienna, below the Church. Thank you to Msgr. Charlie and Fr. Robert, our chaplain, for giving us the opportunity to hold our meetings at the church. This should give our Cedar Grove members easier access to the meetings and possibly attract potential new members from St Catherine's.

ROSARY FOR LIFE –DECEMBER 13, 2008 & January 8, 2009

Join your brother knights and Judy Holtz’s Rosary support group on the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 8:45 AM to 10 AM on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, in front of the Social Security building, opposite the Pilgrim Abortuary. We come to pray that mothers will not abort their babies. We say the four mysteries of the rosary and the chaplet. You can come for part of the time or stay for all the mysteries. It takes only one hour and 15 minutes of your time. Prayers do cause miracles

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Friday, December 19, 2008, the annual Christmas Concert will be held in Our Lady of the Lake Church. Both choir and orchestra have been working very long and hard to get ready for this delightful concert. It starts at 7:30 PM. Contribution of \$8 is suggested. There are a some brother Knights who sing in the concert.

ROSE SUNDAYS—JANUARY 10-11 & 17-18

We will again be selling the Right To Life lapel roses at both Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Sienna churches with the proceeds going to Nellie Gray’s March For Life in Washington DC and Birth Right of Essex county (and to help pay some of the expenses for the bus trip).

The collection date at Our Lady of the Lake is January 10 & 11. St. Catherine’s will be on the following weekend, January 17 & 18.

We will be taking donations of \$5 for the lapel rose along with signatures to send to our representatives in Washington, DC to show our support for Respect Life from conception to natural death. Volunteers are needed at both churches to cover all the Masses. Call John Sommer at 973-857-1370 and tell him which mass you will be attending.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC—JANUARY 22

Keep Thursday, January 22, free of commitments so you can join us in the March For Life in Washington DC or locally to Trenton. See the next issue of the Knight Life for more details.

ALZHEIMER DRIVE

We are about to close this drive and send in our check. If any brother still wants to contribute to this worthy fund, make a check payable to K of C #3632 and mark it for the Alzheimer fund.

Please put it in the same envelope with your 50/50 stubs to be mailed to Larry Dillon. A final report will be in the next Knight Life.



GOOD OF THE ORDER

Your prayers are needed for our brother Knights and all those listed below:

Gabriel Bercovici, Alice Garcia, Mary Lou Rapuano, Ian Stryker, John D. Coyne Jr., William Foley, Regina Soboti, Richie Weber, Paul Maria, Joe Musynske, Hayley Pope & family, the Rembert Family, baby girl Hanlon, Eric M, Thomas Flood, Frank Rodgers, Anita Sommer, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Pat Reynolds, Dr. Doris, Stella & Jerry Votta, Leonard Laniewski, Christine Maccia, Joann Spiegel, Marie Cole, John DeSimone, Steve Rappaport, Nicole Greco, Daniel Fischer, Fr. Frank McGowan, Bro. Paul Coleman, Walter Breese, Beth Duelly, William Robertson, Jane and Andy C., Jim Boushor, and Barbara Shea.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Nancy Frazee.

Pray for peace in our world especially in the Middle East.

Special prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

We should continue to pray for all those who run maternity shelters for the homeless and unwed mothers, especially Good Counsel.

Say the rosary daily with your family for your own personal intentions, for the Good of the Order, and for the end of abortions.

Pray for all our parish priests, deacons and religious, that the Holy Spirit will come and strengthen and enlighten them to carry out Christ's work. Also pray for vocations to the religious life.

If there are any Knights or their family members who are sick, in need of prayers, would like visitors, or would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact John Sommer at 973-857-1370 and he will make arrangements.

INSURANCE

Scrooge Didn't Believe

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

That same warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you.

I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection. Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you!

Ron Listwan, your council field agent.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of December!

Vincent Manno	Walter Drury	Nicolas Centano	William Spooner III
Frederick Schroeder	Dominick Bertoldi	Joseph Carter	John Coyne, Jr.
Anthony Ditri	Leonard Laniewski	John Gieseeman	Joe Mortara
Michael Altomase			

MEETING ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

We had another winner! At the December 2 meeting, Bill Spooner walked away with \$42. The pot had grown because Peter Fryer was not at the November 18 meeting, and, you guessed it, his name was drawn from the bag. We collect \$1 from each member at every meeting and if a member's name is drawn and he is in attendance, he wins. If he is not present, the money is rolled over to the next meeting and so the pot grows. It pays to attend meetings!