



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange January, 2009

## **GRAND KNIGHT**

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**TONY DITRI**

## **LECTURE**

**BOB RODGERS**

## **INSIDE GUARD**

**BILL SPOONER IV**

## **OUTSIDE**

## **GUARD**

**TIMOTHY MURPHY**

## **CHAPLAIN**

**FR. ROBERT**

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## **MEETINGS**

**1ST & 3RD**

**TUESDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

**7:30 PM**



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan. 17 & 18	Rose Sunday @ St. Catherine of Sienna & OLL
Jan. 20	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Sienna 7:30 PM
Jan. 22	March For Life @ Washington DC & Trenton
Jan. 25	Msgr. Charles Guzmer Farewell Reception
Feb. 3	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30 PM
Feb. 14	Rosary For Life—Valentine's Day
Feb. 17	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Sienna 7:30 PM
Feb. 15	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 3	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30 PM
Mar. 14	Rosary for Life
Mar. 17	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Sienna 7:30 PM St.Patrick's Day

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Brother Knights,

By the time this issue of the Knight Life reaches your homes, we will be under the leadership of a new President of the United States. Despite your political convictions or who you voted for, Inauguration Day is a day of celebration of our great democratic process. Through times of peace and war, economic prosperity or depression, racial injustice or living in harmony, the transition of power has always been smooth and without incidence, just as the constitution planned it. Sometimes with a new president, sometimes with a returning one. Regardless, it is always an intriguing day when you stop to think of it.

So as we learned in the 2nd Degree, *"at a time when it is the easy and popular thing to be against the establishments that rule our government, we Knights of Columbus broadcast our love for our country, and for the system that guarantees its continuing."* Let us pray that our newly sworn in leaders will be enlightened by righteousness and justice. Be blessed with courage and wisdom.. And that God may guide them in their decision making processes.

With that said, it is as important as ever to be pro-active in our beliefs and commitments as Knights of Columbus. The "March For Life" is January 22. If you can't go, make a donation, buy and wear a lapel rose. Have a voice. If the new president signs the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), all of the pro-life progress of the past 35 years will be invalidated.

This is the time for strong efforts in building a "Culture of Life", putting into focus our political responsibility to uphold and protect the dignity of human life.

Vivat Jesus,  
Chuck Collins, GK

## **CHAPLAINS CORNER**



Brother Knights!

A new era in the history of our nation shall begin this January 20th as our 44th president is inaugurated; our prayers are with him and all those who lead our great nation. All eyes shall remain fixed upon our nation's capitol to see with what course our President and Congress seek to guide our Republic. Which is why it is most fitting that mere days after Inauguration Day, hundreds of thousands shall once again descend upon Washington D.C. to offer a voice for the most vulnerable among us - THE UNBORN!

As the misnomered Freedom of Choice Act builds on the horizon, now more than ever, the people of God must also give voice to the truth, as we stand and defend life - for the very life of our nation depends upon it!

May Almighty God protect and inspire all those who will be traveling to Washington D.C. this coming January 22nd; may our Lady, Queen of all Knights, lead and protect us in this new year!

**Vivat Jesu!**

Fr. Robert

## **HOLIDAY PARTY—JANUARY 9, 2009**

Well, if you missed it, don't miss it next year. This year's larger than ever crowd (over 100) not only enjoyed the good food and service of the Russian Hall, but danced the night away to the lively music of Verona's popular band, *Pet in the Middle*. Larry Dillon was given the Knight of the Year Award (see article below) and Jack Cavallere and Chuck Collins were presented with 25 year pins.

Thanks to the hard work of co-chairmen Larry Dillon, Dave Lyon, and John Sommer the event was a huge success. Additional thanks to Charlie Collins and PJ Hanley for helping stuff church bulletins and collecting money, and Greg Mau for running the 50/50, and to everyone who came and brought family and friends. Next year's goal is to fill the Russian Hall.

## **ROSE SUNDAYS—JANUARY 10-11 & 17-18**

Due to the snowstorm, the Rose Sunday weekend at OLL was cancelled and rescheduled for this weekend. St. Catherine's was already scheduled for this weekend. We will need all the help we can get. 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.

## **KNIGHT OF THE YEAR—LARRY DILLON**

Larry Dillon was awarded the Knight of the Year at our annual Holiday Party, for the tremendous amount and quality work he does for our council. Larry, who was Grand Knight for a total of three years, keeps our council financially sound by running the Quarterly 50/50. He organizes our Essay Contest, Rosary For Life, and Alzheimer's Drive. He participates in the Special Citizen's Drive and helps put out the Knight Life newsletter. He volunteered to be our recorder the past three years and is one of three Council Trustees.

Somehow, Larry finds time to volunteer at Our Lady of the Lake's Convalescent Aid Program and drives people to doctors appointments. He also volunteers to work in the soup kitchen in West Orange.

Larry is a true Knight and is well deserving of this award.

## **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION**

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

## **“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”**

Once again, we had a successful campaign. We sold 97 “Keep Christ In Christmas” lawn signs, 200 car magnets, and 50 buttons, at Our Lady of the Lake, St. Catherine's, and Verona's Fair In The Square. Thanks to al who helped sell the items at the above venues: Greg Mau, Nick & Jean Munning, George & Judy Hectus, Bob Rodgers, PJ Hanly, Walter Hislop, Pat Hanley, Tony Ditri, Torre Mathisen, Jim McEvoy, the Lyon family, Eric Watkins, Larry Dillon, Tony Morano, Kevin Brown, Tim Murphy, Joseph Marino, Bill Spooner, Chuck Collins, Kathy Magrino.

## **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 –FEBRUARY 14**

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.

A mother changed her mind last month and decided not to go through with her abortion. Please pray that she has a safe delivery and a healthy baby. Prayers do cause miracles

## **MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.**

**36th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade**

**Thursday, January 22, 2009**

Our council will join the Montclair council's annual bus trip to Washington D.C. The meeting place will be at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Cedar Grove. Mass be at 6:45 AM. The bus will leave after coffee and donuts after Mass. Lunch, supper, and soft drinks will be provided. The cost of the trip is \$20 for adults, \$5 per child. It is very uplifting to see so many right to lifers from all across the United States assembled in our nations capital. It is especially wonderful to see so many teenagers. Take the day off. Pray that our representatives vote to protect life at all stages from conception to natural death.

We try to visit our representatives in the Senate and House. The pro-abort legislators are usually away from their offices that day so they don't have to face us. We usually leave a note for them of our feelings. Maybe you would want to prepare a message for them ahead of time to leave at their offices.

Call John Marrin at 973-746-9383 for reservations and make them early. This year our council will be co-sponsoring the bus trip by sharing the expenses. We will be supplying the food and drink for this trip

If you can not take the entire day off, there will be a pro life rally on the steps of the State House in Trenton (NJ Capital), 125 West State Street, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Various pro life speakers will be featured. Stand up and be counted! Let us show the strength and perseverance of those who reverence life in New Jersey.

For more information call 732-562-0562 or 732-409-1449.

## **ALZHEIMER'S DRIVE**

We had another successful Alzheimer's Drive, surpassing last year's collection by \$800. We sent \$3900 to the K of C Alzheimer's State Drive Chairman. All the monies collected go directly to the Alzheimer Family Respite Care Program This program aids the relief of the care gives.



## 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, Paul Coleman, Walter Breese, Beth Duelly, William Robertson, Jane and Andy C., Jim Boushor, Jim McEvoy (bilateral knee replacements), Dominic DiTullio, and Barbara Shea.

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

Pray for peace in our world especially in the Middle East and for the safety of all our military men and women.

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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of January:

Tom Defrancisci	Chuck Collins	George Thomas	Joseph Shook
William Foley	William Cannan III	Christopher Rodgers	Ron Blaha III
Fr. Wojciech Kowalski	Fr. Wlodzimierz Las	Peter Kiernan	Tim Murphy
P.J. Hanly			

## MSGR. CHARLES GUZMER

As many of you know, pastor and good friend of the Knights, Fr. Charlie is retiring from St. Catherine of Sienna. Anyone planning on attending Fr. Charlie's farewell is asked to RSVP to the rectory 239-7960 by Jan 18th so they can get an approximate number for food. The details of the day are pretty simple. There will be an open reception from 2-5pm in Siena Hall (gymnasium of the school) on Sunday Jan 25th

## CONGRATULATIONS MR. & MRS. FREY!

Congratulations to our long time brother knight Mike Frey and his lovely wife, Eileen, who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on January 13, 2009. God bless them both.

## MEETING ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

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. Unfortunately, **Donald Weathermon**, missed his chance at the cash when his name was drawn at the last meeting, and he wasn't there. It pays to attend meetings!

## NJ STATE K OF C BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 55th annual NJ State K of C bowling tournament is on February 28, March 1, and March 7. If anyone is interested in getting a council team together, call Chuck Collins ASAP @ 973-857-9124. Entry deadline is February 9.