



THE KNIGHT LIFE



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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

TUESDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 17-19	Mentally Challenged/Special Citizens Drive @ Shop Rite
Apr. 21	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena With Catholic Charities guest speaker
Apr. 24-26	Mentally Challenged/Special Citizens Drive @ Foodtown
May 5	Regular Meeting @ VCC
May 7	Pride In Priests Dinner
May 10	Mother's Day
May 14-17	NJ State K of C Convention in Wildwood
May 19	Regular Meeting @ ST. Catherine of Siena
May 25	Memorial Day
May 28-31	Carnival @ St. Catherine's
June 2	Regular Meeting @ VCC
June 13	Jerry O'Connor/Special Citizens Picnic
June 19	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

My, the year is going by quickly. We are already in the midst of our annual Special Citizens Drive. A few other annual events loom on the near horizon, namely the Pride in Priests Dinner, Memorial Day parades, St. Catherine's Carnival, and the Jerry O'Connor picnic.

URGENT: The lead organization pushing same-sex marriage in New Jersey, *Garden State Equality* -- has been flooding the statehouse with calls and emails in support of same-sex marriage over the past two weeks. Would you take 5 minutes today to send an email to your state senator and state representative? Remind them that in this election year, you and your friends and family will be watching how they vote on marriage. Certainly, in the midst of our worst economic crisis in generations, now is not the time for our legislature to be making same-sex marriage a priority. Go to www.njkofc.org for more info and a hyperlink to send email to your state senator and representative.

Did you hear that Brown University has recently announced it will no longer celebrate Columbus Day, instead calling it Fall Weekend? Read about that and the Notre Dame/Obama scandal, also on the State website.

Come to the meetings. Get involved. Have some fun!

Vivat Jesus,
Chuck Collins, GK

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Brother Knights!

April 19th is Divine Mercy Sunday and completes the great octave of Easter. May this day remind and encourage us of Christ's unfathomable mercy. As He said to St. Faustina, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that Sunday the very depths of My tender mercy are open. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (Eight days are permitted to go to Confession). On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet; for mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

Vivat Jesu!

Fr. Robert

PRIDE IN OUR PRIESTS

On Thursday, May 7, there will be a dinner to honor our priests. Our council will be joining other councils from Essex, Union, Bergen, and Hudson counties, in asking our priests and our chaplains to join us as our special guests for dinner in Woodridge, NJ. Invitations have been delivered. This celebration will be held at "The Fiesta" on Rte 17 in Woodridge. An open bar cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 PM with hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar begins at 7:30. Cost is \$40 per person (of course the priests go for free). It is a time to honor these men who do so much for us and the Church. If you are interested in joining us, too, call GK Chuck Collins @ 973-857-9124.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our council celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 17 at the Salvatorian Monastery, on our scheduled 2nd meeting night. A delicious feast of corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes was prepared for us by **Madge Rodgers**. She made enough to feed thirty eight Irish wannabe's! Irish music and plenty of drink to quench the thirst was at hand.

Once again, a big thank you to Madge Rodgers for all the hard work and an outstanding meal.

NJ K OF C CONVENTION - WILDWOOD, NJ

The annual NJ Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held in Wildwood, NJ, starting on Thursday, May 14 to Saturday night, May 16. Once again, the Essex County Federation will be staying at the Port Royal Hotel in Wildwood Crest. There are still some rooms available, but you must act fast. There is an \$85 deposit, and you must reserve the room for three nights. If interested, call GK Chuck Collins @ 973-857-9124

MENTALLY CHALLENGED / SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

Deputy Knight Kevin Brown will be in charge of scheduling this year. We have dates for the following stores:

Shop Rite	April 17, 18, 19
Our Lady of the Lake	April 18 & 19
Foodtown	April 24, 25, 26

We still need manpower for the Foodtown weekend. Please, please, please, volunteer as much time as you can. This is our big charity drive every year with our goal of \$10,000. This is putting your Faith in Action!

You can sign up at the meetings or call Kevin Brown @ (973) 239-8830. Or we will be calling you. A lot of the same men are doing all the collecting. If you haven't pitched in yet, try helping out at

ROSARY FOR LIFE – JUNE 13

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.

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. In March, Nick Munning had his name drawn and was not in attendance. So the pot continues to grow. It pays to attend meetings!

JACKALS BASEBALL OUTING

Our annual outing to Yogi Berra Stadium on the campus of Montclair State University to see the New Jersey Jackals baseball club will be on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. The Jackals will host the Sussex Skyhawks, with first pitch at 7:05 PM. Mark your calendars and enjoy a night at the ballgame with your brother Knights and their families. More details later.

GOLF OUTING

Our council is planning its first golf outing for this summer at the Black Bear Golf Club in Franklin, NJ. The date has been set for August 11. Chairman Kevin Brown needs some sub-committees to help with the marketing and contributions towards this event. All proceeds are to go to St. Catherine's and Our Lady of the Lake's youth in a capacity to be determined. So, if you know of some vendors that would be willing to contribute goods, or donate monies for sponsorships, please step forward and help us out. Give Kevin a call @ (973) 239-8830.

And start getting your foursome together. It's all for a great cause and fun outing.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to the following brothers for making their 1st & 2nd Degrees: John LoCoco and Gary Wilczewski. The ceremonials were performed at Livingston and Short Hills council, conferred by our own Father Kelly 1st & 2nd Degree teams. Michael Pescatore, whose application was approved at our last meeting, is scheduled to make his 1st & 2nd Degrees this month in Springfield.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Keep praying daily for the pre-born baby that you spiritually adopted who is in danger of being aborted. Your baby has been developing for seven months now.

Seven - Eight Month Developing Baby

You're in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he is doing now is gaining weight - and making his mother uncomfortable with his size. But she's not worried now. In a short time, her baby will be born. She has planned to bring him home or to place him for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centers.

Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have given her grace to seek the help she needs.



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, 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 McEvoy (bilateral knee replacements), and Barbara Shea.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Joseph Luciano PSD, and Len Laniewski PGK.

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.

INSURANCE

Remember when a car was a luxury? People nowadays can't imagine life without one. A car has become a necessity.

Life Insurance is the same. Today, more than ever, insurance protection is becoming a necessity rather than a luxury. Insurance can be used as a retirement fund or as a source of income for your family when you are no longer with them.

Why is it smart to have life insurance? Because, frankly, you can't afford to live without it. Call Insurance Field Agent Ron Listwan at 973-519-2487 today for an appointment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Charles Dimeck
Joseph Marino
Bill VanHouten
Peter Wojtal

Fr. Andrew Kielkowski
Tony Miloscia
Pat Vuolo

Br. Damian Marek
Francis Rodgers III
Ron Weathermon

LEONARD LANIEWSKI

It is with great sadness to inform the council of the passing of our brother Len Lanieski, PGK. In addition to holding several offices, he was our Grand Knight in 1985-86. Len moved to Lakewood New Jersey several years ago. He was 75 years old.