
THE KNIGHT LIFE

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 8	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Mar 10	Catholic Men's Conference @ Seton Hall University
Mar 10	Rosary For Life
Mar 22	Social Meeting at St. Catherine's—St. Patrick's Celebration
Mar 25	Feats of the Annunciation—Day of the Unborn
Mar 28	K of C Founders Day
Apr 1	Palm Sunday
Apr 8	Easter Sunday
Apr 12	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Apr 14	Rosary For Life
Apr 22	Special Citizens Collection @ Shoprite –West Caldwell
Apr 26	Regular Meeting at St. Catherine's
Apr 27-29	Special Citizens Collection @ Foodtown—Cedar Grove
May 2	Pride In Our Priests Dinner @ The Fiesta
May 4-6	Special Citizens Collection @ Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell

Dear Brother Knights ...

We all struggle with not letting the stresses of our lives get the best of us. One of my stress relievers is going to the beach; just seeing the ocean is soothing. I don't get there as often as I'd like. But, I found myself in Monmouth County recently, not far from the beach. Being so close, I detoured east, away from the busy-ness of my day, parked the car, and walked out on the sand.

Standing on the shore, the day was gorgeous: bright sun, shimmering ocean as far as the eye could see, blue sky above without a wisp of a cloud. I was startled at how calm the ocean was: it seemed more like a lake. The smallest waves were just barely creeping up to the shore.

Reflecting later, I marveled at God's presence there that day. He guided me to the place I find peace at a time when He knew I needed a little rejuvenation. And when I got there, He didn't give me the typical tumult of crashing waves. No; He gave me an ocean that was tranquility itself. I looked to the horizon and saw only calm. I looked up to the infinity of sky without a hint of a cloud to block my view. Gulls floated by, but didn't make a sound. It was as if God was there, smiling, assuredly whispering, "Chill out ... I got this ... see?"

And, really, when you think about it, He does, doesn't He? Why struggle with the stress? He's got it. Yup, "even the wind and the waves obey him."

Vivat Jesus,
Tony Morano, GK



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We find ourselves in the holy season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday and will end as Holy Thursday ushers in the Holy Triduum, the most sacred three days in our year. How are we using this season of Lent to draw ourselves closer to Christ and so preparing ourselves to celebrate the Sacred Liturgy of Easter?

Reflect back on the words that began this season, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." These words of Christ, which are said when the ashes are placed on our heads, instruct us on the two main goals of Lent. Repent is a reminder for us to change our sinful ways and to try and extinguish any bad habits we have gained since last year. Believe in the Gospel then tells us to draw closer to Jesus who is the Word of God especially in the Sacred Scripture. By knowing the story of Jesus' life and His teachings; we can know better how we are to live our lives.

I encourage you to find time to bring your heart closer to Christ. Try to make a retreat, or a day of reflection, or a parish mission. Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine's will be making several opportunities available to you, as well as, the Archdiocesan Men's Conference on March 10, and opportunities for individuals at local retreat houses like Loyola Retreat House in Morristown. St. Catherine of Siena will offer a Parish Mission given on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, (March 24-26) at 7:30pm. Any or all of these are ways that you can spend just a little more time with God and prepare yourself to worship Him at Easter.

I encourage each of you to consider attending the Triduum, especially if you haven't been in a while. The Triduum is that time of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These three liturgies are actually all part of the same liturgy. Notice the sign of the cross is only made at the beginning of Holy Thursday and at the end of the Easter Vigil. The beauty of these rituals not only remind us of the sacredness of these special days and the events they recall, but draw us closer to the Mystery of the Eucharist, which is Jesus Himself.

Finally, in all that you do by way of preparing for Easter and celebrating Easter, I encourage you to take from my reflections of our February social meeting. Here I encouraged you to remember that when the Paralytic was brought to Jesus for healing, the first thing he received was forgiveness, which is something we can all use. And without his friends, he would never have made it to see Jesus. I encourage you to exam your life and your friends. Consider are your friends leading you closer to Christ and allowing you to truly be who you are meant to be? And equally as important, are you leading your friends to Christ? Maybe this time of Lent is not only for you to prepare for Easter, but also a time for you to help your neighbor. Consider inviting a friend to one of the Lenten Events that you will attend, maybe invite a friend with you to the Holy Triduum, or maybe consider inviting a friend to join the Knights, for even in this way you are helping them draw closer to our Savior, Jesus Christ. May God Bless You All,

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Fr. Mac

QUARTERLY 50/50 FOR APRIL

Enclosed with this issue of the Knight Life, you will find tickets for the April 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 January were: Bill Cannon, George Thomas, John Sommer, Stan Osinski, Jack Cavallere, Don O'Dea, Ron Blaha, and Jennifer Kiernan won the big one for \$500. Congratulations! There were ten winning tickets sent out to our brother Knights who did not return their stubs for a total of \$600.

If you would like more tickets for Easter basket stuffers, call PGK Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684.

CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE—MARCH 10

A Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:00 AM and ending around 4:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priests con-celebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled for this day!

Ticket price is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens and priests & religious free including breakfast and lunch. For registration please visit our website at www.rcan.org/menscommission or contact your Parish Conference Leader. Tel. 973-497-4545 E-mail: CatholicMen@rcan.org



ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEETING/PARTY

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us at our March 22 meeting to be held at the St. Catherine of Siena. There will be a very short business meeting followed by Irish fare, refreshment, and music. Spouses, family, and friends are all welcome. Recommended attire is green and required attitude should be rebellious. Irish jokes are encouraged. Please let us know if you are coming via council email or call Tony Morano @ 973-857-7122, so we know how many "Irishmen" will be attending.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

The dates are set. Expect a call from committee members to volunteer some time. Better yet, call them and get the prime times you want. Dates for our drive are as follows:

April 22 Shop Rite—West Caldwell
April 27-29 Foodtown—Cedar Grove
May 4-6 Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell

Do your duty and volunteer when the time comes. If you do nothing else all year, this is a charitable work that would please Jesus. Make your commitment now, during lent, to sacrifice two hours of your time. Please call committee co-chairmen Tony Morano @ 973-857-7122, or Pat Mullen @ 973-571-0056, if you don't hear from them first.

Please note that Shop Rite in West Orange and Kings in Verona will no longer let us collect.

GOLF OUTING - JUNE 11, 2012



The date has been set for our council's fourth annual golf outing. So mark the date, Monday, June 11. Start getting your foursome together. If you don't golf, or can not get the day off, consider sponsoring a hole (\$100) or donating merchandise for the raffles. Remember this fundraiser benefits the youth groups at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena.

This year's event will be held at **Glen Ridge Country Club** in Glen Ridge, NJ. Once again, all amenities (including open bar) are included, with fantastic raffle prizes and contests. Cost is \$150/golfer. Dan Fitzpatrick is the chairman for this event. Please call him at 973-857-3115 with any questions or donations. Complete details are on our website: www.kofc3632.org.

WINTERFEST

On January 28, our council held it's annual dinner dance, Winterfest. Once again it was held at the Russian Hall in Little Falls, with entertainment provided by Pet In The Middle with special annual guest crooner Jack Cavallere, belting out "Wild Thing" and "Louie, Louie". Chuck Collins was recognized as "Knight of the Year". We had a great turnout of 80 people this year. And as we frequently say around here, a good time was had by all!

SUPER BOWL XLVI POOL

Congratulations to the NY Giants and their fans. They were the real winners on Super Bowl Sunday. The monetary winners from Council #3632's SB Pool were Pat Hanley (1st & 2nd quarter: \$150 & \$250), Fr. John Gibbons (3rd quarter: \$150), and the big winner, Jack Cavallere, who had the 4th quarter and final score: \$450.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – MARCH 10

 Witness the power of prayer! Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 10, from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, in front of the Social Security building, opposite the Pilgrim Abortion Clinic where abortions have increased from 100 to over 150 a week. We gather to pray the rosary that mothers will not abort their babies. We meet the second Saturday of every month. Surely you have one hour to pray that the life of a pre-born baby be spared. Your prayers and presence will and have saved baby's lives! Bring your families.

PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER—MAY 2

Come and join your brother Knights and priests from Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union counties from the Archdiocese of Newark, at the annual Pride in Priests Dinner, Tuesday, May 2, held at the Fiesta Banquet Hall on Rte 17 in Wood Ridge, NJ. Festivities start with a open bar cocktail hour from 6:30-7:30, followed by dinner with a cash bar. Our council is trying to get table of ten. So if you would like to join us, call Grand Knight Tony Morano @ 973-857-7122. Bring along your wife or a friend if you wish.

Last year, over 500 attended including Archbishop Myers, Auxiliary Bishops of Newark, brother Knights, ladies, and friends.

Cost is \$40/person. Proceeds of the event go to a fund set up for the Archbishop. If you can't go you can sponsor a priest to go.

GOOD OF THE ORDER



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

John D. Coyne Jr., Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, the Rembert Family, Thomas Flood, Anita Sommer, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Christine Maccia, William Robertson, Stephanie Herbert, Barbara Shea, Suzanne Flood, Mark, Gustaf & Eduardo Chiappara, Brenda Benvenuti (lung disease), Bill Frazee, Christine Collins, Bruce Williams, Claire Tomeo, Nick Munning, William Spooner III, Nivaldo DelPino, Laurie Nicoletti, Nick Centeno, Pati Roma, Baby Brooke, Carol Luders, Fausto Alercon, Ron Blaha, Martin Fetherston, and Karen Reynolds.

- Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially John Marino, brother of Joe Marino.
- Pray for our seminarians, especially the ones we support, Thomas Quinn & Antonio Sarento.
- 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.
- 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 February:

Donald Vincent	Fr. Robert Gelinas	Kevin Brown	Mark Rodgers
Phil Tummarello	Gregory Mau	Rick Flattes	

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of March

Peter Fryer	Patrick Dufficy	John Sommer	Al Maccia	Fr. John Gibbons
Fr. Jerome Arthasseril	Andrew Burger	Fr. Tadeusz Majcher	Fred Mahn	Clay Rice
Genaro Salierno	Pat Mullen	Eric Watkins	Robert Phillips	Fr. Bryan Page
Michael Birmingham	Charles Maccia	Gary Wilczewski	Michael Pescatore	

INSURANCE

IT TAKES MORE THAN MONEY

Most commodities can be bought provided you 1) have the money, 2) can find a willing seller, and 3) can agree on a satisfactory price. In like manner, most investments - real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts - require only an arm's length agreement and a deal is struck. All it takes is money. There is one notable exception to the above statements. The purchase of life insurance. When the purchase of life insurance is considered in addition to setting aside dollars, the prospective insured must prove that he is in good health. If a man is deemed to be "uninsurable," no amount of money will make this commodity available to him.

The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may prevent you from qualifying - occupation, character, even old age. What would happen if you suddenly woke up and decided to buy life insurance, but had lost your ability to qualify for it? Ever think about that?

I can tell you about our quarantine purchase option. Think of that! The ability to secure additional insurance, depending on the amount of your option, on a quarantine basis - without necessarily being in good health. This option can be added at issue of a new certificate through age 37. Find out at your convenience how little it costs to guarantee the right to increase your protection.

Call me, Craig Fuchs, your K of C council field agent, at (973) 632-6694, today

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

Al Maccia attends council meetings regularly. On January 27, his attendance paid off. Al's name was pulled for the attendance raffle and yes, Al was there to collect the \$293 prize! The pot had obviously been building for a long time. The pot went back to zero after Al's big win. As luck would have it, GK Tony Morano's name was pulled the following meeting. Tony won \$11.

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. Remember, you need to be at the meeting to win.