



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange May, 2014

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**MEETINGS**  
**2ND & 4TH**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**OF THE MONTH**  
**7:30 PM**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                |  |
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| May 16-18      | NJ K of C State Convention                                 |
| May 18         | Ordination of our two Seminarians to Deacons               |
| May 18         | OLL 90th Anniversary Mass at 12 Noon & celebration         |
| May 22         | Regular Meeting @ SCS                                      |
| May 26         | Memorial Day Parade in Verona                              |
| May 29         | Ascension Thursday   |
| May 29– June I | Carnival @ St Catherine of Siena                           |
| June 9         | 6th Annual Golf Outing                                     |
| June 12        | Regular meeting @ OLL                                      |
| June 14        | Rosary For Life - 10th Anniversary (see article)           |
| June 14        | Jerry O'Connor Memorial K of C Picnic for Special Citizens |
| June 15        | Fathers Day  |
| June 26        | Regular Meeting @ SCS—Election of Officers                 |

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights

I have asked PJ Hanly to put together the slate of officer's for the 2014-2015 Columbian year. Brother's more than anything else we need for you to step up and take an office. Do not rely on people who have done it already. We do need brothers to take an office and move up in the chairs. When you are asked to take an office position don't be quick to say no think about it and pray on it for the council needs you to step up. Also please keep in your prayers Rev. John Gibbons Chaplain Emeritus.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Cafarella, GK

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



May is a month dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Our Lord and of each of us. Pope Francis has asked all of us to say the Rosary at least once during this month. Though some wondered why we praise Mary, for those of us who believe, it is only fitting that we give honor to the chosen servant of God, who in saying yes, has worked as his mediator to reveal God in all of His Glory to the world through Jesus Christ her son. As she learned from Him and followed Him through His Passion to His death on the Cross, Jesus gave to each of us Mary as our mother. She is now always working as an intercessor for us and truly a blessed model of holiness for us to follow in saying yes to God.

During this season of Easter as we continue to read, especially at Mass, the Acts of the Apostles and relearn what had happened in the early days of the Church after the first Easter on which Jesus rose from the dead, there are many characters and people we might choose to use as an example of holiness to model after. One lesser known character I might offer to you is Ananias. Ananias is a simple man whom we know little of except that he is mentioned by name, for it is written, "The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."'" (Acts 9:10) And it is at this point that God will ask him to pray and anoint Saul. Ananias is fearful knowing that Saul is persecuting and killing anyone who believes in Jesus. But, Ananias goes to pray for him anyway so as to follow God's calling. In this humble way, he has changed the world. For though buildings have fallen and nations have expanded and slipped away, indeed though the world has changed many times over in the past 2000 years, what has been steadfast in its growth is the faith of the world in Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church which owes everything to one of its earliest disciples Paul; whose letters and preaching went everywhere and continue to be the largest portion of the single greatest source of God's revelation to us. But, if Ananias is not open to God's calling, if Ananias is not humble enough to recognize the importance of such a small role in salvation history, and if Ananias is not courageous enough to say yes to God's call, to bring Good News and Prayers to someone who did not believe but persecuted the Church, then it is easy to imagine that we may have never heard the Good News.

Let us take example of the courage and humility of both Mary and Ananias who said yes to God no matter what He asks us to do. I hope we have all had wonderful examples of this in our lives through our mother's. As we celebrate Mother's Day let us be thankful for their examples and let us honor them and all mothers for saying yes to God's gift of life.

May God Bless You All,  
Fr. Mac

## OUR TWO SEMINARIANS BEING ORDAINED DEACONS

Congratulations to the two Seminarians our council supports, Thomas Quinn and Antonio Sorento. They will be ordained to the Order of Deacons on Sunday May 18 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart by Archbishop John Meyers. We will continue to support and pray for these two seminarians as they continue their journey to be ordained to Holy Orders.

## SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

As of this printing, we have collected the following:

|                                      | <u>2013</u>    | <u>2014</u>   |                   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Shop Rite West Caldwell (1 day)      | \$891.96       | 1013.92       | (↑ 121.96)        |
| Foodtown of Cedar Grove (3 days)     | 1898.95        | 1847.73       | (↓ 51.22)         |
| Jack's Foodtown of Caldwell (3 days) | <u>1389.17</u> | <u>940.83</u> | <u>(↓ 448.34)</u> |
| Total                                | \$4180,08      | \$3802.48     | (↓ 377.60)        |
| St. Catherine of Siena (4/26 & 27)   | 548.84         | 833.52        | (↑ 284.68)        |
| Our Lady of the Lake (5/10 & 11)     | 937.00         | 853.00        | (↓ 84.00)         |
| Mailing                              |                | 3247.00       |                   |

As of May 12, we have collected \$8736. We have \$446 in reserve from last year bringing our total to \$9182 We need \$818 to reach our goal of \$10,000. A goal we have reached in 10 of the last 11 years, and including the last seven years in a row.

Reminder: A personal donation request was sent to all brother Knights of the this council. If you haven't yet responded, we would appreciate you doing so shortly. Our annual goal of \$10,000 would be much easier reached if everyone sent in a personal donation. We will send you a receipt. Thank you. Send checks made out to K of C #3632 to John Sommer, 172 Forest Ave., Verona, NJ 07044.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers for the 2013-2014 Columbian year will be held at the second meeting in June. We are asking brothers to step up to the plate and volunteer your time and leadership for some of the positions in the coming year. Elected positions are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Inside Guard, Outside Guard. Contact PGK PJ Hanly @ 862-216-4900.

## **GOLF OUTING - JUNE 9, 2014**



The date is drawing near for the event of the year: 18 holes of golf, a hole in one challenge for \$25,000, a putting contest, followed by an open bar, lunch and fantastic raffle prizes, all at nearby Glen Ridge Country Club. And it is all for charity—our parish youth groups.

But time is truly running short as it is only a few weeks away. Greens fees, golf cart, lunch, and 2 hour open bar for \$175 is a sweet deal. If you can't play, a great way to help out is sponsor a hole for \$100. A sign that will display your name or business will be prominently placed on a tee box. But we have to get those signs printed soon.

Check out the Golf Outing website at [kofc3632.org/golf](http://kofc3632.org/golf) for all the information—registration forms, sponsorship information, and more. Sell sponsorships! Get golfers! Come out and play on June 9! With your help we'll keep the Golf Outing going and growing. For more information about how you can get involved, contact Chuck Collins at 973-857-9124 or [njcollins5@aol.com](mailto:njcollins5@aol.com).

Remember this fundraiser benefits the youth groups at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena, as well as seminarians and other council charities. In the first five years of the outing we have raised \$25,000 for these groups. Help us raise the bar even higher by participating this year.

## **ROSARY FOR LIFE – JUNE 14**

### **10 Year Anniversary**

Ten years ago, a few fellow Knights from our council joined up with a few members of the Rosary Support Group of Roseland, and began a monthly rosary to try to help save unborn baby's lives. By peacefully praying the rosary across the street from the abortuary on Bloomfield Ave, in Montclair (Pilgrim Medical Center), we hope to change mothers minds on having their planned abortions. Well, it has worked and it can continue to work if we continue to utilize this great power of the rosary.

Over the years we have been joined at times by other concerned individuals and small groups, young and old. With this visible and prayerful support, many mothers have changed their minds over these past ten years. If the reasonable average number of turnarounds was one per month, 120 babies' lives have been saved. That is four classrooms of 30 children!

On this special anniversary date, we will be joined by our council Chaplain, Fr. Mac and possibly other clergy. So join us on this special Saturday and any other 2nd Saturday of the month, any time between 8:45 and 10:00 AM. Babies' lives depend on it!

## **JERRY O'CONNOR MEMORIAL**

### **K OF C SPECIAL CITIZENS PICNIC**

All Knights and their families are invited to this special picnic. It will be held on Saturday, June 14, 12 noon to 4 PM at Cedar Grove's Community Park on Little Falls Rd. Beryl O'Connor and her family took this picnic to heart and have raised the funds to finance this special event. They will be the hosts. This was Jerry's special project and his family took it over after his death.

Jack Cavallere would like some help. Please call Jack at 973-226-2222. It is a special day for these special citizens. Bring your family, lawn chair, and enjoy this great day of food, music, fun and friends. If you have never been to this annual event, you should really make an effort to see your council do its best work.

## **VERONA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Our Council proudly accepted the invitation to march in Verona's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 26. This is something we really should do to show our respect for all those who died to keep us free.

The parade starts at 10 AM @ Everett Field. Give John Sommer a call at 973-857-1370 if you plan on marching. We want to arrange car pools. Meet at OLL parking lot after 9 AM Mass.

## **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CARNIVAL**

St. Catherine's is holding its annual carnival starting Thursday, May 29 to Sunday, June 1. Our council has volunteered to help run a gaming booth from 6 to 10 PM (4-8 on Sunday). It's a lot of fun and helps raise money for St. Catherine's school. Our council also sponsors the booth. Please sign up for one of these dates. You can do a 4 hour shift or a 2 hour shift. Please contact Pat Mullen @ 973-571-0056

## **NJ JACKALS GAME OUTING—JULY 17**

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 Thursday, July 17, 2012. The Jackals will host the Rockland Boulders, with first pitch at 7:05 PM. It is Thirsty Thursday night at Yogi Berra Stadium, where all 12 oz. beers and 16 oz. sodas are \$1. Tickets are \$11 for box seats. Mark your calendars and enjoy a night at the ballgame with your brother Knights and their families. Call John Sommer @973-857-1370 and tell him how many tickets you want.

## 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, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Christine Maccia, Stephanie Herbert, Barbara Shea, Brenda Benvenuti (lung disease ), Bill Frazee, Christine Collins, Claire Tomeo, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, a brother fighting addiction, Virginia Robertson, John Cadmus, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Mary Ciccotti, Fr. Jack Martin, Judy Cecere, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Jean & Nick Munning, Joseph Donohue, Jim McEvoy, Fr. John Gibbons, Jack Gardner, and Karen Reynolds.

Please let us now if you are well enough to be removed from the sick list.

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

Pray for our seminarians, especially the ones we support, Thomas Quinn & Antonio Sarento.

Pray for peace in our world especially for the Christians who are being massacred for their religious faith, and for the safety of all our military men and women. Special prayers for our Holy Father Emeritus , Pope Benedict XVI & Pope Francis.

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 April:

|                |                             |                  |               |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Charles Dimeck | Fr. Andrew Kielkowski       | Br. Damian Marek | Joseph Marino |
| Tony Miloscia  | Francis Rodgers III         | Bill VanHouten   | Pat Vuolo     |
| Ron Weathermon | Fr. Robert "Mac" McLaughlin | Filoteco DeRitis | Peter Wojtal  |
| Brian Baird    |                             |                  |               |

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

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| Fr. Tesfamariam Baraki | Joseph Cafarella | Al Linkus     | Emil Jarco |
| James McEvoy           | Chuck Pritchard  | Mathew Ripoli |            |

## INSURANCE

No doubt the signs of spring have had their effect on you. Initially, getting outdoors is the obvious thing to do. We start by poking around the garden, working on the lawn, attending softball practice, dusting off the gas grill. Beneath it all we sense that vacation time is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter whether we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home - the feeling is the same. Vacations are fun. If we've planned properly, chances are that some of our hard earned dollars have been set aside for this occasion. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses - mortgage, utilities, etc. - must still be paid. So you need a vacation fund. All this makes good sense. The soundness of the idea is obvious. Isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacation each summer, but fail to plan our long range vacation - retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought about it and planned a pension for you. The only one left is you...it's time you thought about it. Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours.

After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take. Call our insurance agent, Brian Baird at 201-707-6477 or [brian.baird@kofc.org](mailto:brian.baird@kofc.org), and he'll plan it with you.

## ELECTRONIC KNIGHT LIFE

Started your spring cleaning yet? Throw out all those old Knight Lives from the past year that were piling up. All that paper. Think of that poor tree. Well you can do something about it by receiving your Knight Life electronically. We will email it to you. But we need your email address. You can send it to [kofc3632@aol.com](mailto:kofc3632@aol.com). All publications are sent out as blind copies so nobody sees your email address. And we assure you we won't share it with anyone else. Save your council a stamp and one less envelope to stuff (and one less tree to chop down) by sending us your email address and receive the Knight Life electronically.

## ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

After months of no winners, white smoke finally rose from St. Catherine's chimney. Dave Lyon's name was drawn and he was present! Our DGK walked home with \$151. Just in time for Mother's Day. We collect \$1 from each member at every meeting. We randomly draw a members name and if 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.