

# THE KNIGHT LIFE

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

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MEETINGS 2ND & 4TH

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 24	Pastor Fr. Mike Hanly's Farewell Mass 12 noon @OLL
Aug 28	Installation of Officers Mass @ SCS
Sep 11	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Sep 13	Rosary For Life
Sep 25	Social Meeting at SCS
Oct 4	Oktoberfest @ OLL
Oct 9	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Oct 11	Rosary For Life
Oct 11	West Point Football Trip
Oct 11	America Needs Fatima
Oct 13	Columbus Day

#### **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

**Brother Knights** 

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. It seems to be flying by.

I want to thank everyone for putting their trust in me and my fellow officers. I hope we can live up to your expectations and can maintain the high standards of those who served before us.

As we embark on this new campaign, let us do the things that make our Order and council what it is today. First of all, get involved. You have a lot to offer. Second, recruit new members. There is strength in numbers. Third, come to meetings and mingle with the brothers. Hear what your council is up to and then enjoy some food and refreshments.

My plea to you is for your help and support. And with that, our council will enjoy another successful year.

#### **Something New**

We are making our social meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month more social. Starting in September, the social meeting at St. Catherine's will not be a business meeting, but a night for all brother Knights, their friends, and significant others, to come out and enjoy some food, refreshments, and camaraderie. A TV will be set up for Thursday Night Football, World Series baseball, NBA and college basketball. Poker games and different theme nights will be parlayed into the program. Maybe a quest speaker.

We have 146 active members in our council. Yet we only see the same 15-20 at every meeting. Many of the brothers don't know who you are. So come out on the 4th Thursday of the month and get re-acquainted with your council, relax, and have a good time.

Vivat Jesus,

#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**



I am very pleased to hear that we will be celebrating Mass soon and installing a new slate of officers. What does it mean to be an officer? We for starters, I believe it is at the core of what it means not only to be a Knight of Columbus but also to being a Christian. Christ, came and called people to not only be his followers, but then also sent out all of his disciples to go out and spread the Good News. Being sent necessarily implies that we are called to lead others to the Good News, the truth that is Jesus Christ. Yes, we do this by knowing our faith and the teachings of our Church, but we especially do this in how we demonstrate our faith. And it is in this latter realm that I believe the Knights do a tremendous job in our

world today. Throughout the world, and especially in our own counsel, men have stepped up to do the important work of helping those in need, of praying for and supporting important causes, and by being good role models for other men. And one way that I have seen this demonstrated in our current slate of new officers is by their willingness to step forward and lead despite the challenges that they face. I thank each of these men personally for stepping forward and wish them great success in all their endeavors.

And as I thank them, I encourage all of us to come together with a primary focus on growing our membership and preparing more men to be ready to step forward when their turn comes. The bi-laws of the K of C nicely place an emphasis on inclusion by requiring the limits of terms for certain positions. And what then might be the best way for us to grow our membership and encourage leadership? I would think Jesus himself should be our model. Jesus didn't go around condemning or judging anyone, He knew there to be a time and place for that. Jesus spent time in prayer not only on the Sabbath but also in private and with his friends. Jesus did what He could to help those in need always because He was moved with compassion. In all things Jesus looked to give glory to God. We should always have the joy that comes from knowing Jesus. We should be moved with compassion and be willing to reach out and help those in need. If we are emulating the image of Christ to others, how could they not want what you have?

And so as we begin this new year, I encourage you "To put on Christ, for in Him you have been Baptized!" (adapted from the Baptismal Ritual) Reveal His love to those you meet. And don't be afraid to share your faith with others. By this type of living we will surely have many who will want to live as we do: as Christians, as Knights, as leaders bringing the Good News to all the world.

God's Peace, Fr. Mac

#### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MASS: AUGUST 28**

The Mass will be held on Thursday, August 28 at St. Catherine of Siena Church at 8 PM. All officers are to be at the church by 7:30 PM in jacket & tie. Our chaplain, Fr. Mac, will celebrate Mass and our District Deputy, Chuck Collins, will perform the ceremony with his District Warden, Dave Lyon. Come out and celebrate and support your new officers

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Grand Knight Gary Wilczewski
Deputy Grand Knight Tony Ditri
Chancellor Dan Fitzpatrick
Recorder Al Linkus
Treasurer Pat Mullen
Warden Tim Murphy
Advocate Joe Cubero

Outside Guard James Miserendino Inside Guard Jack Cavalere

Assigned:

Chaplain Fr. Robert (Mac) McLaughlin

Financial Secretary P. J. Hanly Lecturer John Sommer

#### **WELCOME!**

Our council welcomes new brother Knight, **Eustace (Johnny) Johnson**. Johnny transferred from Jacksonville, Florida, and now resides in West Orange. He is a member of Our Lady of the Lake Parish and a Eucharistic Minister. Johnny is a Past Grand Knight and Past Faithfull Navigator of the 4th Degree..

#### WEST POINT/ARMY FOOTBALL OUTING

If you have never been to West Point for a football game, now is the time to celebrate. Just ask anyone who participated in last year's outing. On Saturday, October 11, Army takes on Rice University, with kickoff at noon. We will once again be going and will have a tailgate site on Daly Field opposite Trophy Point.

Bring a cooler with your favorite food and drinks. We will supply game tickets, parking, and tailgate site for only \$45. You will need to provide your own transportation. This day is for the camaraderie and enjoyment of our members, their family and friends. Don't miss out! For more information, details, and possible car pools, call Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684 or Pat Mullen @ 973-571-0056.

#### **ROSARY FOR LIFE – SEPTEMBER 13**

Sed libera nos a malo! (But deliver us from evil!). Want to do something to help end abortion down on Bloomfield Avenue in Montclair...or other places in our area, our country, our world? Join a group on the above date across from the Pilgrim Abortion Clinic in Montclair any time between 8:45 AM and 10 AM to pray the rosary (or part there of) and to make a statement. Amen! You can make a difference.

#### REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE RESUMES

In September, our regularly scheduled meetings resume, after a reduced summer schedule. On the 2nd Thursday at Our Lady of the Lake school library we have a regular business meeting with cold cut sandwiches and a variety of beverages served afterward. On the 4th Thursday in the lower church at St. Catherine of Siena, we have our social meeting, which is a shortened business meeting, sometimes a lecturer, and a hot meal (prepared by our Grand Knight Gary Wilczewski) and beverages served afterward. If you haven't been to a council meeting in a while, come and join your brother Knights for a little fraternization. Who knows, maybe you will win the attendance raffle or 50/50.

#### **GOLF OUTING**

Thanks to all who participated and helped put on this years golf outing. With the final numbers just about in, and despite a rain postponed event, it looks like we surpassed last years proceeds. Most importantly, the Youth Groups of Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena, will use these much needed funds to continue their outstanding projects and charitable works.

The Committee: Chuck Collins, Dan Fitzpatrick, Tony Morano, Larry Dillon, John Sommer, Richard Camp, Lorrie Downs, Fr. Mac, Joe Cafarella, PJ Hanly, Joe Cubero, Pat Mullen, and Dave Lyon. Golf Day help: Nansie Salls, Tim Murphy, Bill Spooner, Barbara Camp, and Judy Sommer. And special thanks to Lori Lyon without whose efforts, this does not happen.

#### SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

#### **Distribution of Checks**

Checks from the proceeds of the Mentally Challenged Citizens Drive were presented at our last meeting on July 24 at St. Catherine of Siena. There were 9 representatives out of the 12 recipients present to receive their checks.

Nick Landy—Camp Fatima

Roco J. Meola—Community Institute for Career Advancement

Elizabeth McClendon—Catholic Charities

Lori Best—ARC of Essex County

Tony Lucibello—NW Essex Community Health Care Network

Eileen Giordano—Educational Program of Children Handicapped

Donna Morgan—Goodwill Industries

Bro. Louis Padiene—School for Special Children

Vince McMahon—New Day Community

Each gave a little summary of what they do for these challenged people.

Those not attending who received checks via mail:

St. Vincent Nursing Home

The Michael Fund

Holy Cross Center of Learning

We collected and gave out a total of \$10,000. Congratulations to all who collected and donated. You did a fantastic job.

#### **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 & Joseph Herbert, Barbara Shea, Brenda Benvenuti (lung disease), Bill Frazee, Christine Collins, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, a brother fighting addiction, Virginia Robertson, John Cadmus, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Mary Ciccotti, Fr. Jack Martin, Ron & Judy Cecere, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Jean & Nick Munning, Joseph Donohue, Jim McEvoy, Fred Mahn, the Robinson family, Jerry Hrycyshyn, and Fr. John Gibbons.

Please let us know 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, especially Karen Reynolds and Claire Tomeo.

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 August:

Robert Bell Jack Cavalere James Cole Michael Frey
Tony LoRusso Torrey Mathisen Donald O'Dea James Stack
Jerry Votta Charlie Collins, Jr. Gary Closeil

#### INSURANCE A Way of Life

When was the last time your wife went shopping for the day and left you to mind the children? How would you handle this responsibility, day after day, plus having to work?

When I ask this question, I find that most of our members have closed their minds to this possibility. Unfortunately, it does happen, you know. No man likes to place a monetary value on his spouse. But money is the only thing that will give you a fighting chance to keep a semblance of a home for your kids should anything happen to your wife.

Many insurance men call it "wife insurance." I like to call it "way of life" insurance. Call me, Brian Baird, your council field agent, at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org, today for an appointment.

#### ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

At the July 24 meeting, Mathew Repoli's name was pulled from the hat, but he wasn't there and the \$69 prize money went back into the pot. 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.

#### **AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA—OCTOBER 11**

Our entire country desperately needs the saving power of the rosary. This year ANF is organizing 12,000 rosary rallies on Saturday, October 11 at noon, from coast to coast. Once again, the local ANF will be gathering at Verona Town Square to pray for our nation, at that time. All Knights and their families are invited to join them. Please come for an hour to pray.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.: - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

#### OKTOBERFEST—OCTOBER 4 @ OLL

Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Verona will sponsor its 5th annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 4 from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. The celebration will include traditional German food, craft beers, wine, a variety of non-alcoholic drinks, live music and entertainment, raffles and an extensive tricky tray. Tickets for Oktoberfest are \$60 per person and can be ordered online at the special secure Oktoberfest website (<a href="www.ollverona.org/Oktoberfest">www.ollverona.org/Oktoberfest</a>) or purchased at the OLL Rectory (973-239-5696).