



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

## GRAND KNIGHT

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## OUTSIDE

## GUARD

**JAMES**

**MISERENDINO**

## CHAPLAIN

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## MEETINGS

**2ND & 4TH**

**THURSDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

**7:30 PM**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 18	4th Degree Christmas Party @ Fairfield Council
Dec. 25	Blessed Christmas ( <b>no meeting</b> )
Dec. 27-28	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Jan. 1	Happy New Year
Jan. 3-4	Rose Sunday @ SCS
Jan. 8	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Jan. 10	Rosary For Life
Jan. 22	March For Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC
Jan. 22	Meeting @ SCS—1st Degree Exemplification
Feb. 6	Valentine's Day Dinner Dance @ The Bethwood
May 14-17	NJ K of C State Convention in Wildwood
June 8	Golf Outing

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Tempus Fugit! Remember those words from the 1st Degree? Time does indeed fly as the first half of the Columbian year will soon be behind us. It seems like we are just beginning with so many things on the agenda for 2015. I hope to see more of you getting involved in the new year, with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and fraternity. Come to meetings, especially the social meetings where you can play cards, watch sports, have a bite to eat and throw down a cold one with your brother Knights.

Most importantly, let's all make an effort to recruit a new member in 2015. Let us continue our journey through this Columbian year and grow the order so we have a larger base to **Proclaim and Defend our Faith**

"Keep Christ in Christmas" is once again our cry this holiday season. Again we are selling lawn signs, buttons, and magnets. If you have them from last year, prominently display them. If not, buy them and do the same. Get the message out there.

On behalf of our council's officers, let me wish you and your families a very merry and blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,  
Gary Wilczewski  
Grand Knight



## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**



It is that time of year again, get out your Keep Christ In Christmas signs or get a couple of new ones this year. Either way, it is time to start preparing for Christmas. And that means keep the Advent in Adventure! Alright I know that is a stretch but, Advent should truly be an adventuring time for you and your families. It should be a time when we go through the clutter of our lives, physically, spiritually, and emotionally, and clean ourselves up for Christ. If we really spend these few weeks preparing for Christmas then it will truly be a joyous time and hopefully allow us to stay with that joy.

Recently in conversation I spoke with someone about Christmas decorations. He said, I have to put the lights on the house before it gets cold so they can be up from Thanksgiving to Christmas. I said, but they are Christmas lights, not Advent lights, right? He didn't get my joke, most people don't. But the point is he was ready to have the lights up and be done with it before we even began the season of Christmas. Putting up lights for just one day is silly, I agree. But if we are going to put the lights up then we should let them shine for a while so that everyone can see them.

This is how it should be with the Advent and Christmas that occur in your heart. Spend lots of time this Advent to prepare for Christmas and allow the joy you feel to be seen by all throughout both Advent and the Whole Christmas Season! If you put as much effort into preparing for the coming of Christ as you do in sending out cards, buying gifts, and decorating the house, I guarantee the rewards points you will feel will be greater than any of your credit cards will give you.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God fill your lives and your homes with many blessings.

In His Peace,  
Fr. Mac

## **QUARTERLY 50/50—CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFERS**

The Quarterly 50/50 is here just in time for Christmas. They would be fun stocking stuffers for children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, parents, wives, or co-workers. Take advantage as they are only \$5 each. Enclosed in this issue of the Knight Life are the January 50/50 tickets. Please fill them out early, and return them with your check made payable to Knights of Columbus #3632, in the return envelope.

The winners from our council for October were: PJ Hanly, Joseph Shook, Charles Dimeck, Stan Osinski, Robert Smith, Pat Mullen, and the \$500 winner was Tim Murphy! There were 6 brothers who did not send in their winning ticket.

If you would like to get some extra tickets for stocking stuffers, call Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684. He is waiting for your call. Brothers, this is our council's only fund raiser for ourselves. The proceeds help the every day expenses of running the council and helps the seminarians we support.

## **MEETINGS**

Since Christmas falls on our social meeting night (4th Thursday) the normal meeting schedule will resume in January: 2nd Thursday @ OLL school library, 4th Thursday @ SCS lower church. Meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

## **1ST DEGREE**

Our council will be hosting a 1st Degree on Thursday, January 22 at St. Catherine of Siena lower church. This would be our normal social meeting night, and also the anniversary of Roe v Wade. If it has been a while since you have seen a 1st Degree, you should come out and witness it again. It would also be a good time to recruit a new member and bring him. The degree will be exemplified by our own 1st Degree team.

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Our council donated \$200 each to Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena Thanksgiving food drives.

## **COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

On Thursday, December 11, our council had its annual Christmas party at St. Catherine of Siena. About 30 members and their families attended for a buffet of chicken francaise, sausage & peppers, baked ziti, and fresh rolls. Ample beer wine and soda were provided as well as some baked goodies and candies. Johnny Johnson's grand daughter sang a few songs for us. As they say, a good time was had by all..

## VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE



Come and celebrate Valentine's Day at our annual winter dinner dance, on Friday, February 6, 2015. It will be held at The Bethwood in Totowa. The night's fare includes a four course dinner, wine, beer, and soda. Live music provided by local favorite *Pet In The Middle* for your listening and dancing pleasure. The cost is \$57/ person.

Contact Dave Lyon (973-857-1977) or Chuck Collins (973-857-9124) or email [kofc3632@aol.com](mailto:kofc3632@aol.com) for reservations by January 25, 2015. Pre-payment is preferred.

## ROSARY FOR LIFE – JANUARY 10

I was hungry and you gave me food

I was thirsty and you gave me drink

I was a stranger and you welcomed me

I was about to be aborted and you prayed for me and my mom

Thank you Knights! May we meet some day in the Kingdom prepared for us.

Come and join our 2nd Saturday of the month rosary group across from the pilgrim Medical Center on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, anytime between 8:45 an 10:00 AM.

## MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 22, 2015

Now is the time to make arrangements at work to take off Thursday, January 22, 2015. Our Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 is again sponsoring with Montclair council #1277 a bus ride to the March For Life in Washington, DC. We have done this for many years and every year the amount of people who march increases.

The bus leaves from the Church of the Immaculate Conception located at 30 Fullerton Ave., Montclair, after a special 7:00AM Mass. After Mass, a light breakfast is served downstairs in Madonna Hall. Food for lunch, supper along with beverage will be served on the bus. The cost is \$ \$25 for adults, \$5 for students. There is no charge for clergy and religious. For more information please contact Montclair's PGK John Marrin @ 973-932-0717 or [john@marrin.us](mailto:john@marrin.us).

## 4TH DEGREE CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 18

The 4th Degree Christmas party is being hosted by Fairfield Council 6389 in their Knights room at St. Thomas More Church, 12 Hollywood Ave. in Fairfield., on Thursday, December 18. Cost is \$15/person which includes a buffet, soda, water, desserts, and coffee. BYOB. There is a \$10 grab bag if you would like to participate. RSVP to Gerry 973-656-8720 or email [thegerr@aol.com](mailto:thegerr@aol.com).

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

On the weekend of November 29 & 30, we sold Keep Christ In Christmas lawn signs, car magnets, buttons, and Christmas cards at Our Lady of the Lake Church. We sold \$593 in merchandise. The proceeds from these sales benefits our Catholic schools at OLL and SCS.

Big thanks to those who sold the goods: The Lyon family, George Hectus, Dan Fitzpatrick, Eric Watkins, Mike Barone, Torrey Mathisen, Ralph Powel, Johnny Johnson, Paul Soderman, Jessica Moses and family, Patrick and Patricia Hanley, especially Judy Sommer.

We also donated **Keep Christ In Christmas** coloring books to the 1st and 2nd graders at St. Catherine of Siena school(94) and Our Lady of the Lake school (81)

## ROSE SUNDAYS

This year we will be holding Rose Sunday weekends on December 27 & 28 at Our Lady of the Lake, and January 3& 4 at St. Catherine of Siena,. The monies we raise will subsidize food for the bus trip (March For Life) to Washington DC, the March For Life, and Birthright of Essex County. When the date approaches, please help.

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 St. Catherine's and OLL to cover all the Masses. Call John Sommer at 973-857-1370 and tell him which Mass you will be attending.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

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



Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, Elaine Shaffer, Christine Maccia, Stephanie & Joseph Herbert, Barbara Shea, Bill Frazee, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, a brother fighting addiction, Virginia Robertson, John Cadmus, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Mary Ciccotti, Judy Cecere, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Jean & Nick Munning, Joseph Donohue, Jim McEvoy, Fred Mahn, the Robinson family, Jack Wilson, Kate W., Fr. Daniel Vitz, Claire Smith, Cindy Koppenhaver, 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 Jerry Cafarella (father of Joe Cafarella, DD), Christine Collins (aunt of Chuck Collins, DD)

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 December!

Vincent Manno	Walter Drury	Nicolas Centano	Tom Minichillo
Frederick Schroeder	Dominick Bertoldi	John Coyne, Jr.	Anthony Ditri (95)
John Gieseeman	Joe Mortara	Michael Altomase	Jesus Christ

## INSURANCE

### **Scrooge Didn't Believe**

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

That same warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you. I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection. Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you!

Brian Baird,

Your council field agent.

## ALZHEIMER DRIVE

The final numbers are in. We collected at local food stores:

Jack's Foodtown in Caldwell (2 days)	\$1057.26
Nicholas Markets Foodtown in Cedar Grove (2 days)	\$1390.06
Shop Rite of West Caldwell (1 day)	<u>\$1116.63</u>
	\$3557.95
Mail Drive	<u>\$2046.00</u>
Total for 2014	\$5603.95

We will be sending a check to the NJ State Council for \$5600. Down a little from last year's \$6000 check, but still one of the best in the state. Thanks again to all involved.



Happy Christmas to all, and to all a

good night!