



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange January, 2015

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## MEETINGS

**2ND & 4TH**

**THURSDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

**7:30 PM**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan. 18   | Respect Life Mass @ Cathedral Basilica in Newark |
| 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      |
| Feb. 12   | Regular Meeting @ OLL—Lincoln's Birthday         |
| Feb. 14   | Rosary For Life—Valentine's Day                  |
| Feb. 16   | President's Day                                  |
| Feb. 18   | Ash Wednesday                                    |
| Feb. 20   | Fish Fry @ SCS                                   |
| Feb. 21   | Texas Hold 'Em Tournament @ SCS                  |
| Feb. 22   | Washington's Birthday                            |
| Feb. 26   | Social Meeting @ SCS                             |
| Mar. 8    | Daylight Savings Time                            |
| Mar. 12   | Regular Meeting @ OLL                            |
| Mar. 14   | Rosary For Life                                  |
| Mar. 17   | St. Patrick's Day                                |
| Mar. 20   | First day of Spring                              |
| Mar. 26   | Social Meeting @ SCS                             |
| May 5     | Pride in Priests Dinner                          |
| May 14-17 | NJ K of C State Convention in Wildwood           |
| June 8    | Golf Outing                                      |

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! May 2015 be a prosperous and healthy one for you and your family, the church and our council.

If you look at the events above, fun things are happening in the coming month. Starting with the bus trip to Washington, DC and a 1st Degree exemplification on January 22, our Valentine's Dinner Dance on February 6, and a Fish Fry at St. Catherine's on February 20, followed by a Texas Hold 'em tournament the next night. It's a good time to get back involved with you council. All you have to do is show up and have some fun.

And for those of you who have yet to share your email address with us (you know who you are if you received this newsletter via USPS), start the new year off right by helping us save on postage and allowing us to notify you on quick notice with your email address.

Vivat Jesus,  
Gary Wilczewski  
Grand Knight

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



This January marks 42 years that abortion has been made legal in this country, and more importantly 42 years of prayers, rallies, fundraisers, protests, and other efforts to help people to realize the value of human life and the importance of countering this and other decisions that have been an attack on human life. In these past 42 years, we could chose to focus on the negative, meaning that there have been more than 56 million abortions since 1973. Or we could choose to focus on the positive. Yes, by positive I mean the work done by our council and others like us, working in many areas with other groups to promote life and yes even to have a few saves each year. I refer to the overwhelming tide of public opinion, which seems to be changing as the latest statistics show that more than 84% of people believe it should be restricted to some degree. As we start to see that this is a war that is far from over and a battle with no more noble a cause than to fight for the life of the unborn, we see that we need to recommit ourselves, not only as a council but individually. What steps have you made to help spread this Good News about Life? Have you been to pray with our group to Montclair to pray for saves? Have you been wearing your Rose and telling people about its meaning? Have you prayed mothers and fathers? For the babies? Have you recently or ever joined us on the bus trip on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> to Washington DC to stand up and march with others in support of the cause? Have you ever been to Trenton? Have you gone to the Cathedral in Newark for the Pro-Life Mass, this year on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon? All of these and there are many others are ways that you can support this important effort to help turn that 84% into 100% support. Important ways to slow and eventually stop the more than 1 million murders each year.

It is also important to remember that this is only one aspect of what it means to Respect Life. Life is precious at every stage of development from the moment of conception until natural death and beyond. Our efforts need to be focused on such a wide variety of efforts that include these but so many more like fostering those who chose to have their children even in difficult situations through efforts such as Several Sources Shelters. By collecting and volunteering to help those who are unable to take advantage of all that life has to offer. And yes, for defending life until its natural end and allowing death with dignity that allows one to come to their natural end, rather than disguising it as suicide or murder.

You my friends and brother knights are fine examples of what it means to uphold and work for important causes like this that effect unjustly so many. I know that you will rally to push this cause forward and pray that more will come to the same Respect for Life that we share as Knights of Columbus and as Catholics. One day, the only negative to dwell on will be the past when such atrocities where done. Let us focus on the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Hope of the future and the Life that is to come.

May God Bless You All,  
Fr. Mac

### RESPECT LIFE MASS—JANUARY 18

There will be a Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. If you can not make the march in Washington DC or the rally in Trenton think about attending this very special mass. It starts at 12 noon and there is a 4th degree Color Corps call out for it as well. Many of the State officers will be in attendance and it would be great to have a large Knights attendance that day!

### 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, which has been doing this for over 25 years.

### MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 22, 2015

Now is the time to make arrangements at work to take off Wednesday, January 22, 2014. 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, for the 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade. 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

## **VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE**

**Friday February 6**

**7:30 PM**

**The Bethwood**



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 – February 14 & March 14**

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.

## **ROSE SUNDAYS**

On December 28 & 29, lapel red rose sale at Our Lady of the Lake Church. We collected \$1066 and 123 signatures. On January 3 & 4, we had our lapel red rose sale at St. Catherine of Siena Church where we collected \$960 and 154 signatures. John Marrin of Montclair council helped us out when we were running out of roses at OLL. He gave us 100 roses so we would have enough for the last two Masses.

The red lapel rose symbolizes the blood of the pre-born babies that are killed by abortion. The monies collected are divided as follows: The March For Life Committee in Washington DC- \$1044. Birthright of Essex County—\$600. The remaining \$382 is used by our council to supply food and beverages for the bus trip to the March For Life with Montclair council on January 22.

Those who sold roses were: Charles Dimeck, Bob & Grace Whelan, Al Linkus, Tim Murphy, Pat Mullen, Jennie Audriuizzu, Bob & Madge Rodgers, George Hectus, PJ Hanly, Eric Watkins, Mike Barone, Greg Mau, Pat Hanley, Paul Soderman, Torrey Mathisen, Joe Cubero, Bob Roma, Judy & John Sommer,

Thanks to all who gave their time and money to help fight abortion.

## **EVENTS AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

### **Fish Fry**

Friday, February 20, 5:30-7:30 PM @ Siena Hall  
\$15 pre-sale, \$17 at the door, children under 12 -\$6  
BYOB—soft drinks and desserts will be provided

### **Texas Hold 'Em Tournament**

7 PM—11 PM @ SCS Gym  
Doors open at 6 PM for check in and dinner  
Buffet dinner/Beer/Wine/Soda included  
Entrance fee is \$100.  
Make checks payable to St. Catherine of Siena Parish

## **RELEVANT CATHOLIC RADIO STATION**

### **WNSU1430 AM**

This is a Catholic talk radio station broadcast within the Archdiocese of Newark. It has a capacity to reach 16 million souls in our area. It has informative, entertaining, and interactive programming 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Try it out. You may like it and make it one of your primary radio stations. For those of you with satellite radio, check out The Catholic Channel on Sirius XM 129.

## 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, Ray Broek, Catherine Maccia, Mary Alessi, Thomas K age 7, Nancy Shea, Frank Testa, 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.

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 January:

Tom DeFrancisci

Chuck Collins

Joseph Shook

William Cannan III

Christopher Rodgers

Ron Blaha III

Tim Murphy

P.J. Hanly

## INSURANCE

### "I DON'T NEED LIFE INSURANCE"

Is that your answer when you are asked to buy life insurance? You say **you** don't need life insurance, but what about your family? Don't they count?

There has to be food on the table every day. Your loved ones must have clothing to stay warm and healthy. The one thing they need the most is income. You supply all these things (and more!) for them now. If something were to happen to you would the money go with you? With life insurance your family's well-being is taken care of. You say **you** don't need life insurance, but your family does.

Call me, Brian Baird, your council field agent, at 201-707-6477 or [brian.baird@kofc.org](mailto:brian.baird@kofc.org), today and let's talk about life insurance for your family.

## ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The Attendance Raffle has been growing for months. In December, Peter Kiernan's name was called but alas, he was not there. But at the January 8 meeting at OLL, Joe Cafarella's name was picked out of the bag and he was indeed present. Sir Knight Joseph went home \$153 richer. Hey brothers, that could have been you. You got to be here to win. Each meeting we collect a dollar from each member present then draw a name out of a bag containing all the council members.. If we pick your name and you are there, you win the pot. If the picked name is not present the money rolls over until the next meeting. And so the pot grows.

## PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER

It is time once again to plan for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Newark Archdiocesan *Pride In Our Priests* dinner. Let us continue the fine tradition of honoring our bishops and priests for their selfless dedication to our spiritual needs and for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Church community. Please be aware that the dinner has been relocated to a new site in order to more easily accommodate the ever-increasing attendance! More details to come.

**DATE : Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

**PLACE : The Terrace, 293 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ**

**TIME : 6:30PM**

**COST : \$48 Per Person**

## NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

**Wildwood NJ—May 15-18, 2014**

Anyone interested in attending the NJ K of C Sate Convention next spring in Wildwood, contact GK Gary Wilczewski @ 973-432-0923. We will be staying at the Port Royal Hotel. Reservation deposit is \$90 (\$70 for room, \$20 for hospitality room). You must reserve for three nights (Thur, Fri, & Sat). Plan on having a mini-vacation in the beautiful month of May. The Port Royal Hotel is on the beach in Wildwood Crest.