



THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21	Fathers Day
June 25	Social Meeting @ SCS—Election of officers
June 28	Fr. Mac's Farewell Mass @ SCS 9:15 AM
July 4	Independence Parade in Montclair
July 11	Rosary For Life
July 23	Regular Meeting @ SCS
July 30	Jackals Baseball Game Outing
Aug. 8	Rosary For Life
Aug. 15	Feast of the Assumption
Aug. 13	Installation of Officers Mass
Oct. 10	West Point Football game outing vs. Duke

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Well, this Columbian year is drawing to a close, and I would have to consider it a success. A few different spins on some old traditions and some new ideas has made it fun and rewarding. More social meetings, a Valentine's day Dinner Dance, and the attendance raffle continues to raise interest, especially for those who have won. A lot of people did a lot of work and I would like to thank you all and hope you continue to do charitable works, with the Knights of Columbus as your venue. I especially want to thank those who guided me in being a Grand Knight. I couldn't have done it without you, and pray that you continue support me.

We will once again be passing the Chaplain baton. As our Fr. Mac moves on to Seton Hall by order of the Archbishop, we will be installing a new Chaplain, Fr. Joseph D'Amico, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake parish. Our council must be truly blessed as we continue to get such outstanding priests to be our Chaplains. Best wishes and success to Fr. Mac and welcome aboard to Fr. Joe.

Election of officers is this month for the upcoming Columbian year. Two very important offices are vacant and need to be filled: recorder and treasurer. They sound more daunting than they really are. Our council works as a team and we need people at these positions.

I will be having an officers meeting this summer so we can hit the ground running in September with a big membership blitz at OLL. Have a safe, fun and relaxing summer. Remember that we only meet on the 4th Thursdays in July and August at St. Catherine's. Also, the Jackals baseball game outing in July, and Installation of Officers Mass in August.

Vivat Jesus,
Gary Wilczewski
Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



For the better part of the last four years, it has truly been my privilege to serve as the Chaplain for the Fr. James J. Kelly Council 3632. I will be forever grateful for the welcome provided to me since I arrived in Cedar Grove and the acceptance into your lives and your families over these past four years, which has truly made an immeasurable impact in my life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sunday, June 28th at the 9:15 am Mass at St. Catherine's I will celebrate my Mass for the last time as an assigned Parochial Vicar at St. Catherine's. I would love if you are able to join us, to see you there and break bread with you. We will have a light breakfast to follow.

On that Sunday, the Gospel shares with us the healing power of Christ, as He says, "Who has touched my clothes?" (Mark 5:30b) I am so happy that this is the Gospel of that weekend because I cannot think of a greater message for my experience here at St. Catherine's or as Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus. In deed I have seen people with great faith find healing because they wanted to see Christ believing if they only touched His garments they could be healed. I have encountered myself so many times that I have been able to touch the garments of Christ, even the wounded heart of Christ in the people I have met. From the celebrations of new life and Baptism through to the moments of crisis and death; whether it was to bring God's love to someone in need of the Sacraments or to simply listen to a person with troubles; if it was to drink a beer and play golf or enjoy a meal and good conversation, in so many ways having entered your lives, I have experienced the healing power of Christ in what He has done for you and in what He has done for me. I thank you for that experience and I urge you to continue to seek it out yourselves. If we but only touch Christ in our neighbor, our faith will save us.

You have been incredibly supportive towards so many efforts, especially when I have made a personal request for a need. For this too I am grateful and I again urge you to continue this generosity, you will surely find God's reward for your goodness. Thank you especially to those who worked on and supported the recent Golf outing, which was a great success and truly helped a good cause in both the youth ministry of our two parishes and the school of St. Catherine's. It is this type of willingness to help, especially when the need arose to help the school this year that will serve you well. I hope that my next council will be as willing to give of themselves.

Finally as I get ready to move to Seton Hall University as the Director of Campus Ministry next month, I recognize two things: I will not be that far and I leave you in great hands. In fact, it is only 10 miles to South Orange from Cedar Grove and I already know I will be back for golf outings and card games and hopefully many other special events. More importantly I know these events will continue and increase because of the fine leadership our council and in the man I believe will replace me as Chaplain, Fr. Joe D'Amico. I have known Fr. Joe since before I entered seminary; in fact, he helped me move into seminary. A finer priest I do not know. And I am confident he will assist the Knights as our council continues to grow. Please pray for me in my new assignment, where I already know there is another Council in need of help. And know that I will always pray for you, because you have taught me how to know and love Christ, and I am and will be forever grateful.

May God Bless You All!
Fondly,
Fr. Mac

SUMMER MEETING DAYS AND LOCATION

As is customary, we will only be meeting once a month in July and August. The meetings will be the 4th Thursday of those months, both being held at St. Catherine of Siena below the church.

QUARTERLY 50/50

Enclosed with this issue of the Knight Life, you will find tickets for the July 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 April were: Pat Mullen 3X, Chuck Pritchard 2X, Jim Kiernan, Helen Scaraffa, Joe Shook, Ron Blaha. Congratulations! There were three winning tickets sent out to our brother Knights who did not return their stubs. This is our council's only fundraiser to support our activities and charities. Please participate in this raffle. You never know, you may win.

If you would like more tickets, call PGK Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE

Memorial Day Parade in Verona

We had a nice turnout for this parade and a beautiful day. Our council marchers were PJ Hanly, James Miserendino, Bill Spooner, Paul Soderman, John & Judy Sommer, Tim Murphy, Pat Hanley, Nick Centano, Chuck Collins, and Nansie Salls. It was a great day to remember our service men and woman who gave their lives for our country.

Independence Day Parade in Montclair

We will once again be joining the Montclair council for the 4th of July parade. They will supply post parade lunch and refreshments at Madonna Hall in Immaculate Conception Church in Montclair. We would like the Knights to have a big representation in the parade. Please call John Sommer at 973-857-1370 if you can possibly make it. He has to let Montclair council know how many are coming so they can make they proper food arrangements. We meet at OLL parking lot at 10:30 AM to arrange car pooling. Parade starts at 11:30 AM.

GOLF OUTING - JUNE 8, 2015

The 7th Annual golf outing was again a success. 117 golfers participated on a beautiful sunny day that started out with a few rain showers. This year, we joined forces with St. Catherine's school golf outing. As the numbers are not yet in, we will have a financial report in the next Knight Life.



ROSARY FOR LIFE – June 13 & July 11

“Faith without action is nothing.” Brothers, Sunsum Corda! Lift up your hearts! We are now entering our twelfth year of praying the rosary across the street from the abortuary on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair (the Pilgrim Medical Center). Have you joined us yet? Por che no? (why not?)

These unborn babies need all the payers they can get to help their mothers change their minds. Your participation is important to everyone involved, including all of us. So join our group on these dates (and any 2nd Saturday) between 8:45 AM and 10:00 AM. Babies lives depend on it.

NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Wildwood NJ—May 14-17, 2015

The weather was beautiful with a strong on shore breeze except for Sunday, when it rained as we were going home. Our council was represented by GK Gary Wilczewski, DD Joseph Cafarella, FS PJ Hanly, PGK Bob Rodgers and wife Madge, and Lecturer PGK John Sommer and wife Judy. The Essex County Federation stayed at the Port Royal Hotel in Wildwood Crest, as it has done for years, a beautiful facility right on the beach.

At the convention, we were awarded two plaques. The first one for collecting \$5600 for the Alzheimer Respite Program. We were #2 in the state for amount collected. The second plaque was for the Special Citizens Drive for collecting in excess of \$10,000. We were one of only 12 councils to collect over \$10,000 out of the 360 councils in the state of New Jersey. Congratulations to our council and to all brothers and friends who participated in giving and collecting.

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 13, 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. 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.

FATHER JAMES J. KELLY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

This year we again awarded two \$250 scholarships to deserving eighth graders from our two Catholic schools. The winner at Our Lady of the Lake was Aiden Bertron. He will be attending St. Peter’s Prep High School next fall. The winner at St. Catherine of Siena was Ashley Hess. She will be attending Academy of Holy Angels in the fall.

Our council is proud we could help these students in our Catholic schools.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

It was a struggle, but our council has once again reached the lofty goal of \$10,000! We collected \$10,0009.03 this year. Left over from last year was \$264.34. This gives us a total of \$10,274.27. Congratulations to all who collected and donated.

Those who collected at the stores: Bill Spooner, Tim Murphy, Joe Cafarella, Larry Dillon, Dave Lyon, Tony Ditri, Jim Miserendino, Pat Mullen, PJ Hanly, Phil DeRitis, Torrey Mathisen, Sharon Ramsey, and John Sommer. Most of the above collected more than once.

Those who collected at St. Catherine’s: Pat Mullen, Tony Morano, Tim Murphy, Gary Wilczewski, and John Sommer. Most collected at all Masses.

Those who collected at Our Lady of the Lake: PJ Hanly, George Hectus, Charles Dimeck, Dave & Lori Lyon, Torrey Mathisen, Greg Mau, Bill Spooner Bob Roma, Pat Hanley, and John Sommer.

We will donate \$10,000 this year and hold the balance of \$274.27 for next year. This is 12 years out 13 that we have exceeded the \$10,000 goal (2006 being the only aberration). That puts us in the top 4% of the councils in the state.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers for the 2015-2016 Columbian year will be held Thursday, June 25 at SCS. 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. With the lack of new members coming in, now more than ever, we need your commitment to be an officer. The council does not run by itself. If you have been an officer before, you can be an officer again. Unfortunately, until we get some new blood in the council, this is the way it is going to be. Last year, Gary Wilczewski boldly stood up and volunteered to be Grand Knight and has done a good job. Who will be so bold this year?

Vital vacated positions to be filled are Recorder and Treasurer. Contact Chuck Collins, PGK, DD, @ 973-809-5580 or PGK Lecturer John Sommer @ 973-857-1370 to put your name on the ballot.

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, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Ferguson, a brother fighting addiction, Virginia Robertson, John Cadmus, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Mary Ciccotti, Judy & Ron Cecere, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Jean Munning, Joseph Donohue, Fred Mahn, the Robinson family, Jack Wilson, Kate W., Fr. Daniel Vitz, Claire Smith, Cindy Koppenhaver, Ray Broek, Catherine Maccia, Joan Brown Thomas K age 7, Nancy Shea, Frank Testa, Angelo Berardi, Al Linkus, Jerry Hrycychyn, and Jack Cavallere.

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 former seminarians, Thomas Quinn & Antonio Sarento, who were ordained to the priesthood on May 23. 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 June:

James Miserendino	Pat Hynes	Dan Donovan
Bud MacFarlane	Kevin Glenn	Paul Soderman
Dave Lyon	Michael Collins	

And happy birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of July:

Bob Rodgers	Mario Bucca	Alfred Santoro	Angelo Berardi
Ralph Powell	Ron Blaha, Jr.	Michael Maione	Thomas Powell
Thomas Cannan	Tom Finn	Robert Criscuolo	Roger Ellert
Henry Trautfetter			

INSURANCE

You have it pretty good right now, don't you? Some minor worries but nothing you can't handle. You and your family are enjoying life. But how long will these carefree days last?

Your wife and family are your responsibility. Have you done anything to secure their future? Have you made any provisions to insure that they are taken care of when you die? I realize that you are healthy today and you feel there is no hurry to get life insurance. You can always buy it some other time, right? Wrong. You may not be insurable tomorrow.

What if something happens to you? You are left with nothing. Even worse, your family is left with nothing. Buy life insurance today and protect your family's tomorrow.

Call our K of C insurance agent, Brian Baird at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org today for an appointment.

5TH ANNUAL WEST POINT FOOTBALL OUTING



It's just not a game! Save the date, October 10, 2015. Yes, we are going again and we will have our same great tailgate spot on Daly Field opposite Trophy Point. Bring a cooler with your favorite food and drinks. We will supply the game tickets, parking passes, and the tailgate site for \$55. You will need to provide your own transportation. This day is for camaraderie and enjoyment of our members, their families, 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.

NJ JACKALS GAME OUTING—JULY 30



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 30, 2015. The Jackals will host the Wichita Wingnuts, 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 by July 9.