# THE KNIGHT LIFE

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

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug. 13 Installation of Officers Mass @ OLL Aug. 15 Feast of the Assumption Aug. 27 Regular Meeting @ SCS Sept. 10 Regular Meeting @ OLL Sept. 12 Rosary For Life Sept. 24 Social Meeting @ SCS Sept. 26-27 Membership Drive @ OLL Oct. 3 Oktoberfest @ OLL Oct. 10 West Point Football game outing vs. Duke Oct. 10 Rosary For Life Oct. 10 America Needs Fatima Oct. 15 Regular Meeting @ OLL

# **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Brother Knights

As summer winds down to its last few precious weeks, let's look forward to a great Columbian year for our council. First, let me thank you all for your support and help in my first year as Grand Knight. I will still need it in my second year. Last year we ran our usual programs with great success. This year my plan is continue that great tradition, but also focus heavily on membership.

Let's face it brothers, we need new members with fresh ideas and lots of energy. The same guys keep running all the programs and we are running out of Past Grand Knights to recycle as officers. With the enthusiasm and support of our new Chaplain and pastor at Our Lady of the Lake, it is time to recruit new members from that parish. We will be holding a membership drive towards the end of September at OLL. Start thinking of a friend, neighbor, or family member who would want to be part of a great Catholic men's organization. Our District Deputy, Chuck Collins, has targeted our council for Star Council this year. Let's make that a reality.

> Vivat Jesus, Gary Wilczewski Grand Knight

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to be your chaplain. I've been fond of and a member of Knights of Columbus for many, many years. I received my 4th degree during my time as pastor of St. Leo's in Elmwood Park.

As we continue to grow together let us also continue to keep each other in prayer. I believe that God has entrusted so many great and wonderful things for us to do. And together we each fill in a little blank by the grace of God.

As pastor of the great parish of Our Lady of the Lake I'm so happy to be involved with our local Knights and their families. You add so much to life and vibrancy of OLL and St. Catherine's. As a new member of this local council I think the area where we need to concentrate is with new membership and I hope we can conduct membership drives in each of our parishes so that more families can be enriched by the K of C.

As our summer season slowly comes to an end let's enjoy the sun, the warmth, the slower pace and of course our well needed vacation time. The summer gives us so many opportunities to slow down and see God's beautiful handiwork in nature. Whether we are down the shore, up in the mountains, or just strolling in Verona Park we can't help but to see how good God is to us.

Let's keep praying for each other dear friends and continue supporting each other in our journeys.

Fraternal regards, Rev. Joseph A D'Amico

# **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MASS: AUGUST 13**

The Mass will be held on Thursday, August 13 at Our Lady of the Lake Church at 7:30 PM. All officers are to be at the church by 7:15 PM in jacket & tie. Our new chaplain, Fr. Joseph D'Amico, 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. A repast will follow at the OLL school cafeteria.

Officers for the 2015-16 Columbian Year		
Grand Knight	Gary Wilczewski	
Deputy Grand Knight	Tony Ditri	
Chancellor	Dan Fitzpatrick	
Treasurer	Roger Ellert	
Warden	Tim Murphy	
Advocate	Joe Cubero	
Outside Guard	James Miserendino	
Inside Guard	Pat Mullen	
Assigned:		
Chaplain	Fr. Joseph D'Amico	
Financial Secretary	P. J. Hanly	
Lecturer	John Sommer	

# **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.

## 6TH ANNUAL WEST POINT FOOTBALL OUTING Army vs. Duke



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.

#### **ROSARY FOR LIFE – September 12**

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.

#### SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE Distribution of Checks

Checks from the proceeds of the Mentally Challenged Citizens Drive were presented at our last meeting on July 23 at St. Catherine of Siena. There were 8 representatives out of the 11 recipients present to receive their checks.

Amy Ricciardi—Camp Fatima Hewer Smith—Catholic Charities Nancy Whitman—ARC of Essex County Tony Lucibello—NW Essex Community Health Care Network Eileen Giordano—Educational Program of Children Handicapped Donna Morgan—Goodwill Industries Bro. Tom Osorio—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.

## OKTOBERFEST—OCTOBER 3 @ OLL

Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Verona will sponsor its 6th annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 3 from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. We need brother Knights to volunteer for kitchen duty, selling 50/50 tickets, etc. 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 \$65 per person and can be ordered online at the special secure Oktoberfest website (www.ollverona.org/Oktoberfest) or purchased at the OLL Rectory (973-239-5696). Lets try and get a table or two for our council.

# AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA—OCTOBER 10

Our entire country desperately needs the saving power of the rosary. This year ANF is organizing 12,000 rosary rallies on Saturday, October 10 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

# JACK CAVALERE <u>1944-2015</u>

Long time brother Knight, Jack Cavalere, passed away on June 17, 2015, at the age of 70. Jack was a Knight for 46 consecutive years, making his 1st Degree in 1969. Jack's contributions to our council were many. He was a part of just about everything we did. But his passion was the Jerry O'Connor Special Citizens Picnic. He helped the O'Connor family make it happen, year in and year out, right up to the end.

Jack was a kind, loveable, funny, and generous man. Anyone who knew him probably has a favorite Jack story (or two), and whenever we hear the song *Wild Thing*, we think of Jack belting it out with the band at the picnic or at a party.

Jack was a true Knight, and will be missed. He would have been 71 on August 7. Rest in peace, Wild Thing.

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

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 August:		
Robert Bell	James Cole	James Stack
Tony LoRusso	Torrey Mathisen	Donald O'Dea
Jerry Votta	Charlie Collins, Jr.	Gary Closeil

# **INSURANCE Protect The Family**

The objective of the offensive line in football is to protect the quarterback. To do this, the line must be strong and reliable. Your family must also be protected The one thing that will protect them best is strong and reliable life insurance.

With life insurance, your family will be protected from financial disaster in the event of your death. They can continue to live as you would want them to live. And they would have you to thank for it.

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# NJ JACKALS GAME OUT<u>ING—JULY 30</u>



Our annual outing to Yogi Berra Stadium on the campus of Montclair State University to see the New Jersey Jackals baseball club was on Thursday, July 30, 2015. Husbands wives and offspring enjoyed a pleasant night out at the ballpark. The Jackals beat the Wichita Wingnuts, 4-1. It was Thirsty Thursday night at Yogi Berra Stadium, where all 12 oz. beers and 16 oz. sodas are \$1. The highlight of the evening was a high foul ball hit to the third base seats. That savvy old prospect, John

Sommer, who brings his 1933 four fingered baseball glove every year, never flinched, as the ball came screaming down to the seat next to him. Unfortunately, his wife Judy was sitting in it and got smacked right above the knee. Images of a heroic catch went fleeting by as the first aid squad escorted Judy up the steps to a safe place to tend to her injury. She is OK, a little sore with a bad bruise. As they used to say in Brooklyn, wait till next year.

# **RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER**