



THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 10	Council Christmas Party @ SCS
Dec 12	Rosary for Life/ Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 17	2nd Degree @ SCS 8:00pm
Dec 17	4th Degree Christmas Party at Fairfield Council
Dec 19-20	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Dec 25	Blessed Christmas
Jan 1	Happy New Year/ Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jan 2-3	Rose Sunday @ SCS
Jan 9	Rosary For Life
Jan 14	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Jan 22	March For Life—Washington, DC
Jan 28	Social Meeting @ SCS

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights

As we prepare for the coming Christmas Holidays, remember to say loudly and proudly "Merry Christmas". This is the time of year to wear your Faith on your sleeve. Many times you will hear "Happy Holidays", let your response inform people you are proud of your Catholic Faith. Display your "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and lawn signs prominently.

Remember that New Years Day is not just a day of football and beverages, it is also The Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Start your day by celebrating Mass, thanking Mary for her life as Jesus' mom, as well as ours. It is through Our Lady that all we do is possible. Remember these words from your First Degree, "Mary, and her Knights, a team beyond compare, in the service of her Divine Son."

On behalf of the council officers, have a Merry and Blessed Christmas. We wish you peace, love, and good health for the New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Gary Wilczewski
Grand Knight



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

This past week we celebrated two very important feast days in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary; the solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Immaculate Conception is important for a number of reasons. It reminds us that, what our Blessed Mother received at the moment of her conception, we received at the moment of our baptism. This solemnity reminds us that Mary lights the way for us and provides the greatest footprints of faith. If we follow in her footsteps, she will lead us directly to Jesus. And our Lady's appearance in Guadalupe is important as she is the patroness of our great parish family. The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe is so beautiful that I could speak on it forever but I strongly suggest that you do some prayerful reflection on the story. Way beyond her appearance to Juan Diego, her miraculous image on the tilma, and the roses, we see God's plans for the America's unfold through a mother's love. Our Lady of Guadalupe was so instrumental in the evangelization of the residents of the America's at that time and still continues today. Do yourself a favor and treat yourself to doing some research and prayerful reflection on the history of this great devotion.

Mary is such a strong and prominent Advent figure as we see God's plan for the human race unfold through her. Her famous, "Yes!" and her maternity changed the course of human history forever.

Peace, blessings and fraternal regards

Fr. Joe

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: Joe Cafarella, Chuck Pritchard, Charles Dimeck, Tom Finn, Joe Shook, Tom Daniels, and Gary Wilczewski. There were 9 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.

KEEP CHRIST BEFORE US COLORING BOOKS

Once again, our council donated Keep Christ Before Us' coloring books to pre-school, kindergarten, and 1st graders at Our Lady of the Lake School (118) and St. Catherine of Siena School (99). The coloring books were paid for from our Quarterly 50/50 proceeds.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our council donated \$200 each to Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena Thanksgiving food drives. The donations are made possible from the Quarterly 50/50 proceeds.

GOLF OUTING PROCEEDS TO YOUTH GROUPS

Our council presented a \$3000 check to the Youth group of St. Catherine of Siena on Sunday, December 6. Grand Knight Gary Wilczewski presented the check at their meeting with the parents. OLL Youth Group received their check on October 19. The monies we donated were generated from our Annual Golf Outing held in June. Thanks to all whom participated in some way, whether you played, sponsored a hole, donated a prize, or whatever.

4TH DEGREE CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 16

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 16. Cost is \$25/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 973-650-8720 or email thegerr@aol.com.

2ND DEGREE AT ST. CATHERINE'S—December 17

Our council will be hosting a 2nd Degree at the lower church of St. Catherine of Siena on Thursday, December 17. Our council's own 2nd Degree team will exemplify the degree. If you haven't seen a 2nd Degree in a while, this would be a good opportunity to see it again and renew the lessons of Unity.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – December 12 and January 9

Come and pray the rosary with us on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We meet in Montclair across the street from the Abortuary on Bloomfield Ave. at the old Social Security building.

We meet every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8:45 to 10 AM. Can you spare one hour a month to pray for the end of this “holocaust”? We pray for the mothers and preborn babies that go into the abortuary. We pray the mothers have a change of heart and realize there is another choice; life for their babies. Be not afraid to come and pray with us.

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE

We sold 164 car raffle tickets for a total of \$1640. New Jersey Right To Life, the state’s oldest and largest pro life organization, thanks all who purchased and sold tickets for their only big fund raiser. Those who helped sell tickets were: Tony Ditri, Joe Cubero, Charles Dimick, Eric Watkins, Michael Barone, John Sommer, Patricia Hanley, Torrey Mathisen, Bob Roma, Chuck & Nansie Collins, Dave & Lori Lyon, George Hectus, Greg Mau, Paul Soderman, Bill Spooner, and Bob Criscuolo.

ROSE SUNDAYS

This year we will be holding Rose Sunday weekends on December 19 & 20 at Our Lady of the Lake, and January 2 & 3 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 Mass

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

We would like to thank all who purchased and sold “Keep Christ In Christmas” lawn signs, magnets, buttons, and Christmas cards. We sold \$637 worth at Our Lady of the Lake.

Those who sold were: Eric Watkins, Charles Dimeck, Joe Cubero, PJ Hanly, Greg Mau, Torre Mathisen, Paul Soderman, Chuck & Nansie Collins, John Sommer, Pat and Pat Hanley, Dave & Lori Lyon, and Tony Ditri,. Sales continued at the Fair In The Square in Verona on December 5 and at St. Catherine of Siena on December 5-6.

MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 22, 2016

Come join our Knights of Columbus Bus Trip to the March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016. NOW is the time to make arrangements so you can go & see for your self the excitement of the Pro-Life people who are praying & marching for Life. Join the young people who travel from far away - St. Louis, Kansas City, Boston, Philadelphia & all parts of New York & New Jersey, just to mention a few. You'll see for yourself the great crowds of people (over 300,000) that the liberal media ignores!

Our bus leaves from the Church of the Immaculate Conception , 30 Fullerton Ave. Montclair after a special Mass @ 7:00 AM. A light breakfast will be served downstairs in Madonna Hall. There will be food, soft drinks & water available with sandwiches for the trip down & back .

The cost is \$25.00 for adults & \$5.00 for students. There is no charge for clergy & religious. For more information, contact John Marrin @ 973-932-0717 (Montclair K of C) or John@Marrin.us. or John Sommer, PGK—973-857-1370

EYES FOR THE NEEDY

Our Council collected & delivered 201 pair of eyeglasses , 5 watches , 1 cell phone to New Eyes for the Needy last week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of December!

Vincent Manno (89)
Frederick Schroeder
John Gieseeman
Jesus Christ

Walter Drury
Dominick Bertoldi
Joe Mortara

Nicolas Centano
John Coyne, Jr. (88)
Michael Altomase

Tom Minichillo
Anthony Ditri (96)
Tony Morano



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, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Jean Munning, Joseph Donohue, 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, Bill Gleason, Ruth Edison, John Marrin, Pat Camalleri, Doris Dolan, 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 Patrick O'Callaghan.

Pray for our new seminarians, Jay Joo and Juan Rojas.

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.

I'M SLEPT OUT ON NOVEMBER 19, 2015

By Pat Mullen

So how was it? Gee Whiz, it was horrible. The evening of November 19th was rain soaked. When the rain stopped around 2 am, it became cold and windy. It was horrible, just as it needed to be and should have been. Huddled with about 225 others in an alley near Covenant House in NYC on the corner of 41st street and 10th avenue, I was armed with a sleeping bag, a piece of cardboard and a plastic bag. I was lucky; I had more than many youth have on any given night and I only had to endure it for one night.

The numbers are sobering and staggering. On any given night, it is estimated that between 3000 and 6000 thousand youth and young adults between the ages of 14 and 23 are homeless and living on the street in NY, NJ and CT. Covenant House has about 800 beds between NY and NJ. Before venturing outdoors for the Sleep Out I had an opportunity to meet with five young adults from the NJ Covenant House facilities including Nancy's Place in Montclair. They are not all inner city kids as you might think or expect. One was from Fair Lawn and another from Ridgewood. All had experiences that included one or more of the following with varying severity: Neglect, Abuse, Molestation, Human or Sexual Trafficking and Substance Abuse. The five I met now had good stories and good prospects. They are tremendously appreciative and grateful for the opportunity the Covenant House has afforded them.

Covenant House is more than a shelter for youth and young adults. It is a pathway providing, a caring environment, food, clothing, medical care, counseling and job training. Letters read aloud from Covenant House alumni bore this out. Former residents now in their 30's and 40's gave testimony on how Covenant House saved their life.

I am happy to report that over \$1.5 million dollars was raised by the Sleep Out for Covenant House in NY and NJ the evening of November 19th. I raised nearly \$600 myself thanks to our Knights of Columbus Council, my friends and the good parishioners of St Catherine's and Our Lady of the Lake. I cannot Thank You! all enough!

In closing, I would just like to say Thank You and God Bless You again for your prayers, support, interest and encouragement. I could not have done it without you.

Have a wonderful Christmas!