



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange January, 2016

## GRAND KNIGHT

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## MEETINGS

**2ND & 4TH**

**THURSDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 22	March For Life—Washington, DC
Jan 28	1st Degree/Social Meeting @ SCS
Feb 10	Ash Wednesday
Feb 11	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday (Fly your flag)
Feb 13	Rosary For Life
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 15	Washington's Birthday/President's Day (Fly your flag)
Feb 25	Social Meeting @ SCS
Mar 8	Catholic Men's Conference @ SHU
Mar 10	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Mar 12	Rosary For Life
Mar 13	Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Palm Sunday
Mar 25	Good Friday
Mar 27	Easter Sunday

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

So, how was your holiday season? I hope it was a good one, with lots of good cheer. Most of all, I hope it was a holy one, with a birth of renewed spirit.

The New Year marks the halfway point of our Columbian year. Although we accomplished some high aims like our golf outing and Alzheimer's drive, much more lays on our plate for the second half. For starters, this month is the March for Life.

After January, we have our Special Citizens Drive, the Pride in Priests Dinner, the Convention, parades to march in, and the Golf outing in June. And I'm sure other fun little things we have not considered.

But one thing we have been remiss on so far has been membership. Think of all the good works we do and all those who benefit from them. Surely you must know someone who would like to join us on our charitable journey. Every event we do should be a membership drive. Be prepared to answer questions. If someone asks what we do, tell them we "save lives and change lives". Think about that.

Vivat Jesus,  
Gary Wilczewski  
Grand Knight

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

As we slowly transition from the Christmas season into the liturgical season of Ordinary time, we remember that this time is anything but ordinary. As we store away our Christmas decorations and enjoy the last of our holiday treats, we take with us the beautiful memories that God has bestowed on us when we celebrated the birth of Emmanuel, God with us. Other than a few poinsettias in front of our Altar and the last of Panettone I have in my refrigerator, I can see there are constant reminders that God is with us as He promised and the birth of His son is the birth of the light of the world. As a side note, however, keep this in mind; in many countries and cultures the Christmas season extends till Mardi Gras or the feast of the presentation of the Lord, Feb. 2. But, as this Christmas season does come to a close, perhaps we can reflect on some words, insights and reflections of our Blessed Mother Mary. The gospel writer Luke reminds us on two occasions that Mary kept, treasured, and pondered on these things in her heart. The occasions were right after the visit of the Shepherds shortly after she gave birth to Our Lord and after presenting him in the temple and meeting and praying with Simeon and Anna. KEEPING, TREASURING and PONDERING the God moments in our life are so important. They help keep us balanced when all around us seems to be spinning out of Control. God is active in our lives, every moment of our lives. Are we too busy to keep, ponder and treasure these times when God seems most present to us? Are we too focused on our doubts, dramas, and every day life "stuff" that we've lost sight of what's really important in life? How about this past Christmas season? What has God gifted us with that we keep, ponder and treasure all year long? Maybe it was blessing, miracle or grace of having someone who's been away from church accompany us to Christmas mass, or the feeling of being in such a large and beautiful church with SOOOO many people with a common bond, or family at the table, or a card or reconnection with someone on Facebook who was a long lost friend. This past Christmas is not so far in the distant past that we can't reflect on some of these "God-moments" and keep, ponder, and treasure them. Who knows, maybe the gift of a reconciliation or reconnection with a friend or loved one was just what God intended before calling that person home. Now that's something to keep, ponder and treasure!!!! As we pick up the last of our pine needles in our carpets and homes please find something God has given you to keep, ponder and treasure. Pray with it, sit with it, be grateful for it. You'll never, never know when you'll need to draw back on that moment and remember that God was there. Much like our Blessed Mother Mary who, in times of doubt and confusion, was reminded of God's presence in the words and presence of the Shepherds, Anna and Simeon and reflected on those events for the rest of her life. Mary teaches us so many things. In these brief words she teaches us once again how to pray.

Fraternal Regards,  
Rev. Joseph A. D'Amico

### 1st DEGREE AT ST. CATHERINE'S—JANUARY 28

Our council will be hosting a 1st Degree at the lower church of St. Catherine of Siena on Thursday, January 28. This is our regular social meeting night. We will have a brief business meeting at 7:30 and the Degree at 8 o'clock. Food and refreshments to follow. Our council's own 1st Degree team will exemplify the degree. If you haven't seen a 1st Degree in a while, this would be a good opportunity to see it again and renew the lessons of Charity.

### MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 22, 2016

The Bus Captain for the March For Life bus trip to Washington DC says there is a waiting list of people to go. If you can't join us for the bus ride, please join us for the 7:00 AM Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Montclair to pray for all the people who are going on the trip (people from all the parts of the country).

New Jersey Right To Life has an alternate plan. They are having a Rally For Life on Friday, January 22, 2016, which is the 43rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. Rally to take place on the State House steps of the New Jersey State Capitol, 125 State St., Trenton, NJ, from 11:00 AM to approximately 1:00 PM.

Check their website [www.njrtrl.org](http://www.njrtrl.org) for directions and information regarding weather and last minute updates.

### NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Wildwood NJ—May 12-14, 2015

Anyone interested in attending the NJ K of C Sate Convention next spring in Wildwood, contact Jim Kiernan @ 973-759-5196. 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.

## **ROSE SUNDAYS**

On December 19 & 20 there was a lapel red rose sale at Our Lady of the Lake Church. We collected \$897 and 117 signatures. On January 2 & 3, we had our rose sale at St. Catherine of Siena Church where we collected \$867 and 109 signatures.

The red lapel rose symbolizes the red blood of the pre-born baby martyrs that are killed by abortion. The monies collected are divided as follows: The March For Life committee in Washington DC—\$700, Birthright of Essex County—\$314, The remainder of \$750 is used by our council to supply food and beverages for the bus trip to the March For Life in Washington DC with the Montclair council on January 22.

Those who sold roses were: Madge & Bob Rodgers, Bob Criscuolo, Joe Cubero, Pat & Patricia Hanley, PJ Hanly, Eric Watkins, Greg Mau, Torre Mathisen, Paul Soderman, Chuck & Nansie Collins, Dave & Lori Lyon, John & Judy Sommer, Pat Mullen, Charles Dimeck, Tim Murphy, Carlos Fernandez, and GK Gary Wilczewski. Thanks to all who gave their time and money to do the Lord's work to fight abortion.

## **COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Our council Christmas party was held on December 10, 2015 at St. Catherine's. A good number a members and family members attended, nearly 50 total. We presented checks of \$250 each to our new seminarians, Juan Rojas and Jae Joo, who came to the party. They both spoke and provided a little biographical background about themselves: Juan Rojas was born in Yarumal, Columbia, and is 25 years old. He came to the U.S. on June 15, 2013. He is completing his 3rd year of formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall.

Jae Joo was born in South Korea. He came to the U.S with his family when he was 9 years old. Jae is in his first year of theology after completing 3 years at St. Andrew's Hall College Seminary at Seton Hall University.

We also presented a Christmas check to our council Chaplain, Fr. Joseph D'Amico. Our council made it's usual Christmas donation to Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena Churches.

## **ROSARY FOR LIFE – February 13 & March 12**

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.

## **TEXAS HOLD EM' TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, February 27, 2016

St. Catherine of Siena school gym

7—11 PM (Doors open at 6 PM)

Cost \$100/person, includes catered buffet dinner, beer, wine, soda.

For further information contact Jerry Oehm at 973-943-0022 or email [jerryoehm@yahoo.com](mailto:jerryoehm@yahoo.com)

## **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE—MARCH 5**

On Saturday, March 5 at Seton Hall University, the Newark Archdiocese Men's Commission will have their annual Catholic Men's Conference. The day begins with registration at 8:30 AM and ends at 4:00 PM. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch, Holy hour, adoration chapel, confessions, and Mass.

Registration is \$20 for adults, \$15 for college students, \$20 for senior citizens. For registration please visit the website [www.rcanmenscommission.org](http://www.rcanmenscommission.org), or call 973-497-4545.

## **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, 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 Hrycychn.

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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of January:

Tom DeFrancisci

Chuck Collins

Joseph Shook

P.J. Hanly

William Cannan III

Christopher Rodgers

Ron Blaha III

Tim Murphy

## INSURANCE

Do you know the Knights of Columbus can offer IRAs and Keogh Plans (US), RRP's (Canada)? Do you know enough about them to decide whether or not they fit into your financial picture? I would like you to answer three questions: 1) Are you, like most people, interested in saving money? 2) Do you find it difficult to save under common saving methods? 3) Take the number of years you've been working times your average salary. What percentage of that income have you saved so far? How much will you save in the future?

If your answers bother you, I would like a chance to sit and talk with you (and your wife, of course) about our alternatives — annuities and tax-sheltered savings at highly competitive interest rates. You need not look anywhere else but your own Order for your financial needs. Other institutions bombard you with ads for business at this time of year. We just keep doing what we have been doing since Father Michael McGivney founder of the Order — taking care of our members and their families.

Call me, Brian Baird, your council field agent, at 201-707-6477 or [brian.baird@kofc.org](mailto:brian.baird@kofc.org), to discuss these needs. I want to hear from you.

## PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER

It is time once again to plan for our 11<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.

: **Thursday, May 19, 2016**

**PLACE :** *The Terrace, 293 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652*

**TIME :** **6:30PM Cocktail Hour**

**W/Open Bar & Hors D'oeuvres**

**7:30PM Dinner (Cash Bar)**

**COST :** **\$50 Per Person**