
THE KNIGHT LIFE

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

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 10	Regular Meeting & St. Patrick's Day Party @ SCS
Mar 12	Rosary For Life
Mar 13	Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Palm Sunday
Mar 24	Holy Thursday—No Meeting
Mar 27	Easter Sunday
Mar 29	Founder's Day
Apr 9	Rosary For Life
Apr 14	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Apr 15-17	Special Citizen's Drive —Jack's Foodtown
Apr 17	Exemplification of the 4th Degree in Parsippany
Apr 23-24	Special Citizen's Drive - Foodtown Cedar Grove
Apr 28	Social Meeting @ SCS
Apr 30	Special Citizen's Drive —ShopRite W. Caldwell
May 12-15	NJ State Convention, Wildwood, NJ
May 19	Pride In Priests Dinner
May 23	8th Annual Golf Outing

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Ah March. St. Patrick's Day, the frenzy of college basketball, the promise of spring training baseball, crazy weather. Hope springs eternal. We are also in the midst of lent. Prayer, fasting, and alms giving. How are we doing with that? Sometimes, it's better to do more than to give something up. Here is a suggestion. Be more pro-active in your Knights of Columbus council. Get more involved in the charitable works Pope Francis has called each of us to do. Be an officer, be a leader. Be a Knight that makes a difference in other peoples lives.

On behalf of my fellow officers, we wish you a blessed and holy Easter, and my God show his continued mercy and love on you and your family.

Vivat Jesus,
Gary Wilczewski
Grand Knight



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

Easter is right around the corner and with that comes the early Spring season. Although I battle some seasonal allergies and asthma I would never want to trade in this time of year. The greener grass, buds on the trees and flowers, warmer days with more light all lend to our Easter celebrations. What's happening in nature reminds us that life is stronger than death, light is stronger than darkness and love is stronger than hate. The Earth is waking up after its long winter's nap. Although the Earth in this part of the world seems lifeless it certainly is not. It's just waiting to be awakened by Spring's call. There is a reason why Spring and Easter collide. As the Earth comes back to life and everything in nature sings of regeneration our Lord is risen from the death. The tomb is empty as he promised and all is made new by His grace.

BUT, there is no resurrection, no Easter without holy week. Before we get to scream our Easter Alleluias we have to first accompany Jesus through his entry into Jerusalem, mock of a trial, calvary, cross and crucifixion. There is no Easter without Good Friday. Yet, the story doesn't end on Good Friday as we are Easter people and Alleluia is our song. The best way for us to prepare for Easter is accompany Jesus in his last week from His entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), to the last supper (Holy Thursday), crucifixion (Good Friday), and of course rejoice with Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb (Easter). As we journey with and accompany our Lord let's make that holy as it truly is "holy week". With that I remain,

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Rev. Joseph A. D'Amico

QUARTERLY 50/50



Enclosed with this issue of the Knight Life, you will find tickets for the April 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 January were: Bob Rodgers, Michael Lepage, Stan Osinski, Bob Criscuolo, & Mildred Teves. Congratulations! There were ten winning tickets sent out to our brother Knights who did not return their stubs. And some one had the \$500 winner! This is our council's only fundraiser to support our activities and charities. Please participate in this raffle. You never know, you may win. Are there any brothers who can sell more 50/50's? They are a relatively easy sell.

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY—MARCH 10



Our regular meeting on March 10, normally held at Our Lady of the Lake school library at 7:30 PM, has been moved to St. Catherine's, so that we may celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Corned beef and cabbage dinner, beer, soda, and Irish music will be the fare for the evening. Bring your spouse or significant other, a kid or two, and your best Irish humor. The cost is outlandishly FREE!

Please call GK Gary Wilczewski @ 973-432-0923 or email the council kofc3632@aol.com and tell us how many are coming so we can plan for food and libation. Donations of Irish soda bread and Irish whiskey are welcome.

NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Wildwood NJ—May 12-14, 2016

Anyone interested in attending the NJ K of C State 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our council welcomes our two newest members, Michael Nolan and Eugene McCarthy. Both brothers made their 1st Degree on January 28 at St. Catherine's and their 2nd Degree in Livingston on February 18. Both Degrees were conferred by our own council's Degree teams. If anyone is still looking to make their 2nd or 3rd Degrees, please contact Chuck Collins at 973-857-9124. If anyone desires to become a 4th Degree member, contact Joe Cafarella at 973-902-1630.



ROSARY FOR LIFE – March 12 & April 9

The silence of abortion is killing babies! Come out and pray with us.

Did you know that babies at 20 weeks in the womb feel pain? Come out and pray for them.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least brothers of mine, you did it for me.”

We meet and pray the rosary from 8:45 am to 10 am in Montclair on Bloomfield Ave. at the old Social Security Building every 2nd Saturday of the month.

GOLF OUTING - MAY 23, 2016

The date has been set for our council's sixth annual golf outing. So mark the date, Monday, May 23. It is a couple of weeks earlier this year due to renovations at GRCC, this was the date they could accommodate us. Tell your boss NOW that you won't be in that day. If you are your own boss, tell your employees you won't be in that day. If you are a stay-at-home dad, tell your wife you are taking the day off. Start getting your foursome together.

This year the event will once again be held at **Glen Ridge Country Club** in Glen Ridge, NJ. Remember this fundraiser benefits the youth groups at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena. We are looking for and in need of good raffle prizes. If you have a good contact or prize to offer, please call Lori Lyon at 973-857-0311

FOUNDERS DAY—MARCH 29

On Founder's Day this March 29th, we celebrate the anniversary of the Knights of Columbus.

As we celebrate the legacy of [Venerable Michael McGivney](#) and the contributions of our brother Knights since 1882, we also prepare for an even greater future as we live out the vision of our founder.

The anniversary of the realization of Father McGivney's dream is a cause for celebration.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

Did you know that our council collects in excess of \$10,000 annually for this drive? Placing us in the top 15 councils in the state? That is because of your volunteerism and our goal is to do it again!

The dates are set. Expect a call from committee members to volunteer some time. Dates for our drive are as follows:

April 15, 16, 17 Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell

April 23 & 24 Foodtown—Cedar Grove

April 30 Shop Rite—West Orange

St. Catherine's & OLL TBA

Do your duty and volunteer when the time comes. These citizens and the facilities desperately need our help with decreasing government funding.

MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 22, 2016

For the second time in the last three years, our annual bus trip to Washington DC had to be cancelled. After long deliberations on travel and safety conditions, Montclair council, who runs the bus trip, wisely called it off. In fact, the predicted blizzard hit the D/C/ area shortly after the march started. Of course the march went on.

Since it was too late to cancel our food order, we had 76 sandwiches and other perishable items to dispose of. These were equally distributed between Divine Mercy Café of Our Lady of the Valley Church in Orange, and St. Philomena's Church in Livingston. Our disappointment was their very appreciated gain. (God's plan in action?)

Financially, \$750 had been allocated for the bus ride from our Rose Sale while \$495 was spent as noted. The remaining \$255 will be available for next years trip.

PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER

It is time once again to plan for our 11th 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. 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**

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 Herbert, Barbara Shea, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, 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 Richard Rafanello, FDD, and Joseph Herbert,

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 March

Peter Fryer	John Sommer, PGK	Al Maccia	Fr. John Gibbons
Fr. Jerome Arthasseril	Andrew Burger	Fred Mahn	Clay Rice
Eric Watkins	Robert Phillips	Michael Birmingham	Charles Maccia
Gary Wilczewski	Michael Pescatore	Pat Mullen	Genaro Salierno
Stanley Gagner	Johnny Johnson	Jerry Graham	

And for those we missed in February

Donald Vincent	Kevin Brown, PGK	Mark Rodgers	Gregory Mau
Benjamin Maniscaleo	Ricardo Flattes		

INSURANCE

IT TAKES MORE THAN MONEY

Most commodities can be bought provided you 1) have the money, 2) can find a willing seller, and 3) can agree on a satisfactory price. In like manner, most investments - real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts - require only an arm's length agreement and a deal is struck. All it takes is money. There is one notable exception to the above statements. The purchase of life insurance. When the purchase of life insurance is considered in addition to setting aside dollars, the prospective insured must prove that he is in good health. If a man is deemed to be "uninsurable," no amount of money will make this commodity available to him.

The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may prevent you from qualifying - occupation, character, even old age. What would happen if you suddenly woke up and decided to buy life insurance, but had lost your ability to qualify for it? Ever think about that?

I can tell you about our quarantine purchase option. Think of that! The ability to secure additional insurance, depending on the amount of your option, on a quarantine basis - without necessarily being in good health. This option can be added at issue of a new certificate through age 37. Find out at your convenience how little it costs to guarantee the right to increase your protection.

Call me, Brian Baird, your K of C council field agent, at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org today and let's talk about life insurance for your family.