



THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 5	Budget Meeting
May 12	No Regular Meeting
May 12-15	NJ State Convention, Wildwood, NJ
May 14	Rosary For Life
May 19	Pride In Priests Dinner
May 21-22	Special Citizens Drive @ SCS
May 23	8th Annual Golf Outing
May 26	Social Meeting @ SCS
May 30	Memorial Day Parade in Verona
June 2-5	Carnival @ St. Catherine's
June 9	Regular Meeting @ OLL
June 11	Rosary For Life
June 11-12	Special Citizens Drive @ OLL

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

April, May, and June are the final quarter of this Columbian year. And there is no shortage of activities on our agenda. This month we begin our Special Citizens Drive with our annual goal of \$10,000. Please volunteer for this important fund raiser. May will bring the State convention, Pride in Priests Dinner, and our 8th annual Golf Outing. How about marching in the Memorial Day Parade representing our council. In June we have St. Catherine's Carnival, and of course our election of officers.

So don't just be a dues paying member. Get involved. Shake a can at a supermarket or church, march in a parade, become an officer. In Luke 14:27, Jesus said "whoever does not carry their cross and **follow me** cannot be my disciple." In your Degrees, you promised to take up the cross of Christ. Now is a good opportunity to do that. Get involved.

Also, enclosed in this edition of the Knight Life is an appeal letter for your personal donation to the Special Citizens Drive. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Vivat Jesus,
Gary Wilczewski
Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

As we enter into the Spring season we also enter into the busiest time of the church year. Over the next couple of months, hundreds of our young people will be baptized, confirmed, receive their first holy communion, graduate and dozens will say "yes" in front of the altar of God in the sacrament of marriage. These are all signs to us of God's goodness and our deep desire to better know, love and serve God. While many statistics seem to point to a national decline of sacramental celebrations, I'm delighted to say that doesn't seem too obvious in our area. Every time we encounter a person or a family who is present to either receive a sacrament or participate in it we are invited to make the moment a "holy moment". As clergy and faithful Catholics we have tremendous impact by the way we greet them, welcome them to our church, and minister to them. A kind face, gentle smile, or even the remembering of a name can mean so much to someone who has been away from the church or even away from God Himself. As our beautiful Spring season continues to unfold let's welcome all our brothers and sisters with a warm and kind greeting as Christ Himself would and pray that those fallen away from God, church, religion or Spirituality make a 360 degree return. The welcoming of those fallen away is so important to me because I believe they are precious to us and a little effort on our part to befriend someone can go a long way in someone's spiritual life.

Peace, blessings and fraternal regards,
Rev. Joseph A. D'Amico

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.

MEETING CHANGE

There will be no regular meeting at OLL on Thursday, May 12, due to the NJ State Convention. The 2nd meeting on May 26 at SCS will be a combined business and social meeting.

A budgetary meeting will be held on May 5 at SCS, 7:30, to discuss the creation of the long-awaited budget for our council. Anyone that is interested is welcome to attend.

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

Do your duty and volunteer when the time comes. These citizens and the facilities desperately need our help with decreasing government funding. Please volunteer for a two-hour collection period. Call Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684 or Chuck Collins @ 973-809-5580.

May 21-22 St Catherine of Siena
June 11-2 Our Lady of the Lake

Call John Sommer @ 973-857-1370 to collect after the Mass you attend.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – May 14 & June 11

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 is drawing near for the event of the year: 18 holes of golf, a hole in one challenge for \$25,000, a putting contest, followed by an open bar, lunch and fantastic raffle prizes, all at nearby Glen Ridge Country Club. And it is all for charity-our parish youth groups.

But time is truly running short as it is only a few weeks away. Greens fees, golf cart, lunch, and 2 hour open bar for \$175 is a sweet deal. If you can't play, a great way to help out is sponsor a hole for \$100. A sign that will display your name, message, or business will be prominently placed on a tee box. But we have to get those signs printed soon.

Check out the Golf Outing website at kofc3632.org/golf for all the information—registration forms, sponsorship information, and more. Sell sponsorships! Get golfers! Come out and play on May 23! With your help we'll keep the Golf Outing going and growing. For more information about how you can get involved, contact Dan Fitzpatrick @ 973-857-3115 or email kofc3632@aol.com.

Remember this fundraiser benefits the youth groups at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena, as well as seminarians and other council charities. In the first six years of the outing we have raised \$32,000 for these groups. Help us raise the bar even higher by participating this year.

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

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**

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CARNIVAL

St. Catherine's is holding its annual carnival starting Thursday, June 2 to June 5. Our council has, as in years past, volunteered to help run a gaming booth from 6 to 10 PM (4-8 on Sunday). It's a lot of fun and helps raise money for St. Catherine's school. Our council also sponsors the booth. Please sign up for one of these dates. You can do a 4 hour shift or a 2 hour shift. Please contact Pat Mullen @ 973-571-0056

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers for the 2016-2017 Columbian year will be held at the second meeting in June. 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. Elected positions are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Inside Guard, Outside Guard. Contact PGK John Sommer @ 973-857-1370.

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 Liquori.

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 Jerry Hrycyhyn.

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 April:

Charles Dimeck	Fr. Andrew Kielkowski	Br. Damian Marek	Joseph Marino
Tony Miloscia	Francis Rodgers III	Bill VanHouten	Pat Vuolo
Ron Weathermon	Fr. Robert "Mac" McLaughlin	Filoteco DeRitis	Peter Wojtal
Brian Baird	Eugene McCarthy		

INSURANCE

Good Advice

Remember your teacher's good advice? "Always start each project with an outline. It will give you the right direction." Experience tells us that the same idea works when it comes to getting ahead on the job - or in planning for individual or family security. But, in the latter kind of planning, your outline cannot be completed alone.

Rely on the trained advice of your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent and the Order's long and practical experience in the life insurance business to help you prepare your plans for the years ahead. I will be happy to help you chart and build a sound economic future. Better yet, I'll do it with an individual insurance plan keyed to your own needs and goals.

This sort of professional counsel is available at absolutely no obligation...just through a telephone call to me for an appointment. Today, when programming is essential to effective use of the do everything computer, it is equally so to the fulfillment of our dreams and hopes for our families. Life insurance programming is a service you should have... and one that I provide.

Call me, Brian Baird, your council field agent, at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org today for an appointment.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The pot was up to \$131 on April 14 when Bob Loffredo's name was called. OOPS! Bob stayed home! Jack up the pot for the April 28 meeting. Be there and you could win.