

# THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

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<u>MEETINGS</u>

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OF THE MONTH

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Social Meeting @ SCS
Forty Days For Life begins
Alzheimer Drive: Foodtown -Cedar Grove
Rosary For Life
Oktoberfest @ OLL
Regular meeting @ OLL
Alzheimer Drive: Jack's Foodtown –Caldwell
America Needs Fatima
West Point Football Outing
Social Meeting @ SCS
Men's Cornerstone Retreat @ OLL
Election Day
Regular meeting @ OLL

# **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Brother Knights,

Twenty-five years ago I was Grand Knight, and now I am back again. Time flies! I promise you I will do the best I can. We have a lot of good men in this council who show up whenever they are needed. This enables us to have top ratings and to donate money to many worthy causes. I will be asking for your support in the coming year.

Vivat Jesus, Bob Rodgers Grand Knight



To read the story, go to KOFC.ORG>Today's Knights: Our Principles

# **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

# PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI

Ground Zero, New York Sunday, 20 April 2008

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain.

We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here—

the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness.

Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy.

Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.

Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

# 7TH ANNUAL WEST POINT FOOTBALL OUTING



It's not just a game! Save the date, October 22, 2016. 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.

# 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 Past 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.

### **BAPTISMAL ROSE**

This program is for the Knights of Columbus to show a mother of a newborn child that we are thanking her on behalf of her child for giving...... LIFE.

As defenders of Life's Principles what better way is it to show a new mother that her child loves her and we can do just that, by presenting a simple gift. A long stem Rose at the baby's baptismal.

The rose is a symbol of Life and what would be a more appropriate time to present this simple gift to Mom.

To acknowledge the mothers of the children being baptized, and to thank them on behalf of their child, for choosing life. Mother Mary chose God's blessing, and so did these women.

On Sunday, August 28, our council initiated this program at Our Lady of the Lake Church. Chuck Collins, DD and John Sommer, PGK, officiated the ceremony and presented long stem roses to six mothers.

It was well received and are looking forward to this month's baptisms on September 25. We encourage any Knight who would like to participate in this program to get involved by calling Chuck Collins at 973-857-9124.

# ROSARY FOR LIFE – August 13 & Sept 10

Yes, we are still praying the rosary on the second Saturday of the every month since June 2004 across from the Pilgrim Medical Center abortuary in Montclair. However, we have not yet seen you there at our usual 8:40-10:00 AM gathering with other concerned faithful. So mark your calendar now so that you won't have any conflicts on these dates. Praying for our brothers and sisters in the womb is a great spiritual gift of mercy!

# OKTOBERFEST—OCTOBER 8 @ OLL

Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Verona will sponsor its 7th annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 8 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 (<a href="www.ollverona.org/Oktoberfest">www.ollverona.org/Oktoberfest</a>) or purchased at the OLL Rectory (973-239-5696). Lets try and get a table or two for our council.

# **CORNERSTONE IS COMING—NOVEMBER 4-5**

Fellow Knights, as men with tons of commitments, our lives are busy with every sort of responsibility that leaves us very little time for ourselves. Each day we prioritize our home, work and family tasks, as we should. This weekend we may clean out the gutters, next weekend attend our kid's sports events, the weekend after a family get together and in between tons of work. Cornerstone is an opportunity for 24 hours of time to get our faith house in order. No distractions, no phones, no pressure. Just a day with other men of the parish who share a common purpose of understanding that we are better fathers, spouses, brothers, sons or workers if we are open to a stronger relationship with Jesus. Cornerstone is a time for you to maybe discover for the first time or even renew a sense of purpose much deeper than satisfying the day to day demands of your life. But how will you find the time you ask? How can you take one full day for yourself? Is that even possible? YES it is. Want to know how, just ask someone who loves you deeply, a spouse or a parent. They will for sure encourage and support you. Most Cornerstone men come to the weekend with the full, loving support of their spouses and families. So open your heart to the opportunity for your faith to grow. You may have attended retreats before, but Cornerstone is different. Some attend more than once so if you have made Cornerstone before, consider coming back again.

Our theme this year is "You are not alone", and if you take the leap of faith you will find yourself with other Cornerstone brothers who will enrich your life well into the future. The bond you will experience with other men of the parish and more importantly with Jesus Christ, will affect you into the future in ways that you won't believe. The gutters can wait, taking the Cornerstone path to a better understanding of your faith, cannot.

# **QUARTERLY 50/50**

Enclosed with this issue of the Knight Life, you will find tickets for the October 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 July are Joe Shook, William Spooner, Roger Ellert 2X, PJ Hanly 2X, Chuck Pritchard, Mario Lepage, Patrick Hanley, Bob Criscuolo, and Chuck Collins. Congratulations! There were 5 winning tickets sent out to our brother Knights who did not return their stubs. 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

# **ALZHEIMER DRIVE**

The dates have been confirmed for this years Alzheimer's Drive:

October 7 & 8 Foodtown—Cedar Grove
October 14 & 15 Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell
October 29 Shop Rite—West Caldwell

We are collecting for the Alzheimer Respite Program sponsored by Alzheimer's New Jersey. Did you know that our council is one of the top councils for collections in New Jersey for this drive? Let's keep the tradition going. We need volunteers at the doors of these stores from 9 AM—7 PM on the above dates for 2-hour shifts. Please call Larry Dillon, drive coordinator, at 973-736-5684 and get your time slot.

#### AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA—OCTOBER 15

Our entire country desperately needs the saving power of the rosary. This year ANF is organizing 20,000 rosary rallies on Saturday, October 15 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

# GOOD OF THE ORDER



# Your prayers are needed for our brother Knights and all those listed below:

Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, Elaine Shaffer, Stephanie Herbert, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, a brother fighting addiction, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Joseph Donohue, Kate W., Claire Smith, Vern & Cindy Koppenhaver, Catherine Maccia, Nancy Shea, Bill Gleason, Ruth Edison, Marie Pierce, Sammy Munning, Tommy Cercone, Marita Shatzel, and Doris Dolan. 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 John Cadmus.

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.

# **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

This life saving project is coming to Communities around the world September 28 to November 6.

Get involved in this peaceful, prayerful vigil in Montclair. We gather across the street from the Pilgrim abortuary (old SS Building @ 396 Bloomfield Ave.) from 7am to 7pm during these 40 days praying the rosary for mothers that they will change their hearts and give life to their babies.

To sign up for a time and day, contact Lisa Hart @ 973-769-4422 or email lifeneteducation.org. It would only be a one hour a week commitment.

Please call today and set up your schedule. Your presence will and has made a difference and saved the lives of babies and the mothers who are injured during the procedure.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of September!

Robert Cannan Carlos Fernandez Neil Gervasio

George Hectus Frank Prout **Edward Young** 

Robert Smith Rev. Joseph D'Amico

## 4TH DEGREE—ST. ISAAC JOGUES ASSEMBLY

The 4th Degree assembly for our council meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at St. Thomas More, 127 Hollywood Ave., in Fairfield. All 4th Degree members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

# ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

Michael Collins could have been \$176 richer at our August meeting. Why? His name was drawn for the attendance raffle. The pot is growing. Attend meetings and you could take it home. It should be over \$200 by the second meeting in September.

# **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MASS**

The Installation of Officers ceremony took place immediately following the 5:30 Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Church on Saturday, August 20. Our Chaplain, Fr. Joseph D'Amico celebrated the Mass and the 4th Degree Color Guard was there. The presence of the Knights was very visible to the parish. A repast for the officers and their families was held at Trattoria Bella Gente immediately following.

# **INSURANCE** Back To School

Is there anyone out there who hasn't noticed the absence of children on the streets during the day? No question about it, school has reopened. Never before has more emphasis been placed on school costs - and how to pay for them. Sure, the Order has a scholarship program and student loan program and our Swift-Educational Trust Fund does answer particular needs. But most still must borrow money from banks in order to finance a college education for their sons or daughters.

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