



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange May, 2018

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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5	Special Citizens Drive—Foodtown Cedar Grove
May 9	4th Degree Memorial Mass @ St. Thomas More, Fairfield
May 11-13	Special Citizens Drive—Jack's Foodtown Caldwell
May 12	Rosary For Life
May 12-13	Special Citizens Drive—OLL
May 17-20	K of C NJ State Convention—Wildwood, NJ
May 22	Pride in Priests Dinner
May 28	Memorial Day Parade in Verona
May 31– June 3	St. Catherine of Siena Carnival
June 6	Federation Meeting @SCS
June 7	Regular Meeting @ OLL
June 9	Rosary For Life
June 9	Special Citizens Drive—Shop Rite West Caldwell
June 9 & 10	Special Citizens Drive @ SCS
June 21	Meeting @ SCS: Election of Officers
June 25	10th Annual Golf Outing
October 20	Army Football outing

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

At this time of the year the weather's getting better. Please make an attempt to attend meetings. Due to the State Convention (5/17/18 - 5/20/18), there will only be 1 council meeting (5/3/18) @ Our Lady of the Lake.

We will be having our annual carnival (5/31/18 - 6/3/18) @ St. Catherine's.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Risoli
Grand Knight



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

Peace, blessings and all good to you and your families during these budding Spring days. I love this time of year. The colors and textures of the trees, shrubs and flowers reminds me of new life promised us through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For me, the beauty of this time of year is the honor of our Blessed Mother Mary in the month of May. May is dedicated to her! The most beautiful flower in the garden of the Lord.

Every May I'm reminded to renew my filial love of my spiritual mother. Although I strive to say my rosary every day I challenge myself more this month to focus more diligently on the mysteries. The many Catholic social media outlets I subscribe to have many different articles about our BVM. (Blessed Virgin Mary) And I attempt to read as many as possible. During my many years ministering to the Filipino Community in Jersey City, I've gained a deep appreciation of their reference to the BVM as MAMMA MARY! It sounds so warm and beautiful to me.

What's your favorite title of Mary? Why? Do you have one? Do you have an image of Mary enshrined in your home or garden? Where are your rosary beads? If you're not a regular rosary devotee how about getting back into that rhythm? The thought of saying over 50 hail Mary's can be quite off putting at first. BBBUUUTTT, trust me, you'll get back into the swing of things in no time. If you start off with just one decade a day, you'll get the whole rosary prayed before long. And how about praying the rosary together as a family? Children love rituals and I'm sure that a daily rosary or just one decade before or after dinner will not only increase the faith, love and unity of your family but bear so many other tremendous graces in your family as well. One of the beautiful spiritual practices I see in our parish is the many families stopping by the shrine area to implore Mary and Joseph's help and assistance and light a candle after mass before going home. My father had great devotion to the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and would light candles after each mass he attended. He used to say with great pride how he would "put down five bucks on the blessed mother for my wife and put down five bucks on St. Joseph for my son, Joseph the priest". When I told him that God wasn't a bookie he begged to differ. Hahahaha.

Let's make the most out of this great month of May and get (re)acquainted with our spiritual mother some way. It's all good.

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

GOLF OUTING

GOLF OUTING MONDAY, JUNE 25TH, GLEN RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB



We are proud to announce that our Golf Outing to benefit the Youth Groups of OLL and SCS is celebrating a milestone! Thanks to everyone's hard work and support this year marks the 10th anniversary of the Outing! We need your help now as much as we did in 2009. Please come out and enjoy a great day of golf and camaraderie. WE HAVE NUMEROUS PRIZE HOLES WITH GREAT PRIZES INCLUDING A \$25,000 HOLE-IN-ONE contest on a par 3 hole! You don't have to golf to participate or support. You can attend the lunch / open bar raffle which is always a lot of fun. You can sponsor a tee box for \$100 and have a custom sign displayed with any message you want printed on it. There are other sponsorships available as well such as "Refreshment Cart", "BBQ Lunch" or "Continental Breakfast". Please contact Dan Fitzpatrick

at d3fitzpatrick@spectrolume.com or 973-222-7503 with any suggestions or questions.

4TH DEGREE MEMORIAL MASS– May 9



The annual 4th Degree Memorial Mass is for 4th Degree brothers who died this past year. They will be remembering our beloved Past Grand Knight, Bob Rodgers at this Mass. It will be held at St. Thomas More Church, 12 Hollywood Ave., Fairfield, Wednesday, May 9 at 7 PM. All are invited to attend, including spouses, family, and friends. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

Congratulations to new 4th Degree members: Lloyd Baldwin, Tim Murphy, and Jim Miserindino. 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.

MEETINGS IN MAY

There will be only one meeting council meeting in May (5/3 @ OLL) due to the NJ K of C State Convention. There will be NO meeting on May 17 at SCS.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – May 12 & June 9



There are many unborn babies out there that are counting on us, and others like us, to help secure their God-given birthdates. Too many expectant mothers are about to abort their unborn babies, but we can all help. Come and pray with us, any amount of time between 8:45 and 10:00 AM on the above dates, across from the Montclair abortuary on Bloomfield Ave.

Last month, while we prayed, two expectant mothers turned around from the clinic and saved their babies lives. Thanks be to God!

ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

The first or second Monday of each month there is a Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction at our Lady of the Lake Pastoral Center chapel at 7 PM.

What is Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour? It is adoring and honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. Remember Jesus is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament. It's "Face Time" with our Lord. Highly recommended.

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!

Sites for our drive are as follows:

May 5	Foodtown—Cedar Grove
May 11-13	Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell
May 12-13	Our Lady of the Lake
June 9	Shop Rite—West Orange
June 9-10	St. Catherine of Siena

Please call Larry Dillon to volunteer for a 2 hour shift to collect at these food stores.

Brothers, you have all received letters from our council to donate to help us reach our goal of \$10,000/ Please send your check in the envelope that was provided. If you can't find the envelope, please make a check to Knights of Columbus #3632 with a notation for Special Citizens Drive. Mail it to John Sommer @ 172 Forrest Ave, Verona, NJ 07044/ Thanks to all who have sent in their check already.

VERONA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Our Council proudly accepted the invitation to march in Verona's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 28. This is something we really should do to show our respect for all those who died to keep us free.

The parade starts at 10 AM @ Everett Field. Give John Sommer a call at 973-857-1370 if you plan on marching. We want to arrange car pools. Meet at OLL parking lot after 9 AM Mass.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CARNIVAL

St. Catherine's is holding its annual carnival starting Thursday, May 31 to June 3. 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 2018-2019 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.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The Attendance Raffle is alive and growing. At our last meeting on May 3, **Paul Soderman** lost out on \$129. His name was drawn but he was not there. Could have bought some Yankee tickets with that, Paul. You got to be here to win. Each meeting we collect a dollar from each member present then draw a name out of a bag containing all the council members. If we pick your name and you are there, you win the pot. If the picked name is not present the money rolls over until the next meeting. And so the pot grows.

GOOD OF THE ORDER



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

Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, Elaine Shaffer, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, a brother fighting addiction, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Joseph & Carol Donohue, Kate W., Claire Smith, Catherine Maccia, Ruth Edison, Marita Shatzel, Carole Weld, Joseph Wilson, Kevin Gail, Katie Kloss, Frank Defenbush, Tom Richards, Hank Brown, and Judy Hectus.

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.

Pray for our 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	Lloyd Baldwin	Joseph Marino
Tony Miloscia	Francis Rodgers III	Bill VanHouten	Pat Vuolo
Ron Weathermon	Filoteco DeRitis	Peter Wojtal	Brian Baird
Eugene McCarthy			

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of May

Fr. Tesfamariam Baraki	Joseph Cafarella	Rev. Emil Jarco	Colin Farawell
Chuck Pritchard	Mathew Ripoli	Joseph Cubero	Stephen Pietrucha
Robert Loffredo			

INSURANCE

No doubt the signs of spring have had their effect on you. Initially, getting outdoors is the obvious thing to do. We start by poking around the garden, working on the lawn, attending softball practice, dusting off the gas grill.

Beneath it all we sense that vacation time is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter whether we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home - the feeling is the same. Vacations are fun.

If we've planned properly, chances are that some of our hard earned dollars have been set aside for this occasion. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses - mortgage, utilities, etc. - must still be paid. So you need a vacation fund.

All this makes good sense. The soundness of the idea is obvious. Isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacation each summer, but fail to plan our long range vacation - retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought about it and planned a pension for you.

The only one left is you...it's time you thought about it. Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours.

After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take. Call our insurance agent, Brian Baird at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org. and he'll plan it with you.

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