



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange October, 2007

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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

TUESDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 19 & 20	Alzheimer Drive @ Kings
Oct 23	Respect Life Seminar on Stem Cells @ OLL 12:30 PM
Oct 28	World Youth Day
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 2	All Souls Day
Nov 6	Regular Meeting @ Salvatorian Monastery 7:30 Election Day - VOTE!
Nov 10	Rosary For Life—Montclair
Nov 17	Veteran's Day
Nov 19	Verona Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @OLL 3 PM
Nov 20	Regular Meeting @ Salvatorian Monastery 7:30
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
Dec 4	Regular Meeting @ Verona Community Center 7:30
Dec 14	Christmas Concert @ OLL
Dec 18	Regular Meeting @ Verona Community Center 7:30

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

It is truly a GREAT time to be a member of the Knight of Columbus in the Father James J. Kelley Council 3632! During this Columbus month of October, we have discussed, voted on and unanimously passed allocations of monies for donations to charities we have supported in the past in addition to a few new causes. What makes this round of donations special is that we have members standing up during the discussion part and moving that we increase our donation amount from previous years ... and in some cases by as much as 100%!

This is all possible because of our quarterly 50/50 that is run by Larry Dillon and the continued support that you show by purchasing the tickets and supporting our events.

DGK Chuck Collins, playing the role of Membership Director, did an outstanding job of organizing and executing a very successful membership blitz at Saint Catherine of Siena on Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th. The result is that we now have 5 new members and 6 excellent prospects that want to join the ranks of Knighthood in our Order. Great job Chuck!

"To those that are given much, much is expected". Thank you for your continued support of our council activities. Please consider coming out to attend our meetings and share your energy, enthusiasm and ideas.

Vivat Jesus!
Dave Lyon, GK

CHAPLAINS CORNER



Brother Knights!

During this month of October we are especially dedicated to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. This is because on October 7, 1571, a great victory over a mighty Turkish fleet was won by Catholic naval forces. It featured the most powerful navy in the world, a Moslem force with between 12,000 to 15,000 Christian slaves as rowers. Yet the patchwork alliance of Catholic ships was powered by the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Knowing that the Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage, the Holy Father, St. Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory. We know today that the victory was decisive, preventing the Islamic invasion of Europe, and evidenced the Hand of God working through Our Lady. At the hour of victory, St. Pope Pius V, who was hundreds of miles away at the Vatican, is said to have gotten up from a meeting, gone over to a window, and exclaimed: "The Christian fleet is victorious!" as he shed tears of thanksgiving to God.

May we offer Our Father in heaven lives filled with gratitude for His benevolent care; and may we always have recourse to the powerful intercession of Our Lady, Queen of the Knights.

Vivat Jesu!

Fr. Robert

PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank our council for the lovely PGK dinner party on October 5 in my honor at the Russian Hall. It was a perfect evening with good food, good music, good friends and family. Thank you all for coming and saying nice things about me (one usually receives such praise after you're dead). Thanks to all who made it happen.

Vivat Jesus

John Sommer

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

We had a nice turn out for this event. Fr. Robert said the Mass with our former chaplain Fr. John con-celebrating. Our DD Ed Lopez officiated the installation with five 4th Degree color guards as ceremonial escorts. Afterward, at the reception, Torrey Mathisen and Pat Hynes gave a short talk on their experience with the OLL Youth Group and their trip to Appalachia, Kentucky. They both were very proud of the youth group's participation in building houses.

Both Torrey and Pat will be going along with Fr. Brian with a group to New Orleans for a week this winter to help the hurricane victims.

ALZHEIMER DRIVE Oct. 19 & 20

Our Alzheimer drive is the second largest fund raiser we participate in, next to our Special Citizens Drive. We had one weekend at Nicholas Market Foodtown in Cedar Grove. Next weekend on October 19 & 20 we will be at Kings in Verona. Call Larry Dillon at 973-736-5684 to volunteer for a two hour shift.

While we are in the midst of our drive, any brother who would like to make a donation, make a check payable to Knights of Columbus #3632. Mark them "Alzheimer Drive" and mail it to:

John Sommer

172 Forest Ave.

Verona, NJ 07044

Everyone knows someone who is suffering from this disease. Thank you.

COUNCIL WEBSITE COMING SOON

The council website is now in the developmental stage and it won't be long before it is up and running. Events, updates, announcements, interesting links, etc. will be featured. You will notice on the bottom left of page one, that we have an email address: kofc3632@aol.com. Send us your email address to us so we can add it to our database.

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE

Thanks to all who participated in this annual fund raiser for the New Jersey Right to Life. We were able to sell 149 chances for \$1490. Good luck to all who purchased a raffle ticket.

Thanks to all who sold these chances after all the Masses at OLL: Nick & Jean Munning, George & Judy Hectus, Jim Flynn, Greg Mau, Bob Rodgers, Larry Dillon, Diane & Fred Mahn, Torrey Mathisen, Chuck Collins, Tony Ditri, John Geisman, P.J. Hanly, The Lyon family, and John Sommer.

ROSARY FOR LIFE - NOVEMBER 10

Join your brother Knights and Judy Holtz's Rosary Support Group the 2nd Saturday of every month. They meet from 8:45 AM to 10 AM on Bloomfield Ave. in front of the Social Security building opposite the Pilgrim Abortuary. They come and pray that mothers will not abort their babies. They say the four mysteries of the rosary and the chaplet. You can come for part of the time or stay for all the mysteries. It takes only one hour and 15 minutes of your time. Prayers do cause miracles.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to P.J. Hanly and Eric Watkins for making their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Our own Father James J. Kelly degree team conferred the 2nd degree on them in Bloomfield on Wednesday October 10, and that Friday they made their 3rd Degree, also in Bloomfield.

On October 13 & 14, we held a membership drive at St. Catherine of Siena. We signed up several new members, a transfer, and a re-instatement, and a handful of prospective new members. Good work by the group that helped out: P.J. Hanly, the Lyon family, Tom Defrancisi, Bob Rodgers, James Cole, Kevin Brown, Tim Murphy, John Geisman, John Sommer, Larry Dillon, Chuck Collins, and our insurance agent, Ron Listwan. Special thanks to Fr. Charlie, Father Robert, and Father Bob for their cooperation in coordinating this event.

Please ask a friend, relative, or neighbor, who is a Catholic gentleman in good standing, to join our council. Enclosed is a prospect list for you. If you think someone is interested, get their name and phone number and contact Chuck Collins @ 973-857-9124, or email the information to kofc3632@aol.com. He will contact them and arrange for an interview.

Remember that the Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal, family oriented organization in the world.

MEETINGS

Please note that the both meetings in November will be held at the Salvatorian Monastery. The first meeting in November (Nov. 6) normally held at the Verona Community Center has been moved due to the VCC being closed for Election Day. We will return to the VCC on December 4 for our regular meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born on the month of October

Donald Volkert

Luca Massucci

John Cryan, Jr.

Edward Kurzeja

William Spooner IV

Bob Roma

Jim Robbins



NOVEMBER 6—ELECTION DAY

At stake is a state wide “Stem Cell Research” bond issue question. If it is approved, the measure would authorize \$450 million (up from \$250) in taxpayer dollars for state sponsored stem cell research. It is expected that the overwhelming majority of funds in the bond issue would be for research on embryonic stem cells.

The Catholic Church strongly supports adult stem cell research, but is adamantly opposed to embryonic stem cell research and cloning. Adult stem cells have caused many cures. Embryonic stem cell research - utilizing live human embryos, which are always destroyed in the clinical process - have not yielded a single cure or treatment. Adult stem cells are part of the natural repair mechanisms of an adult body, while embryonic stem cells do not belong in an adult body (where they are likely to form tumors, and to be rejected as foreign tissue by the recipient).

If the bond issue is passed and not all bonds are sold, the state will go to the municipalities to sell them. Our taxes are likely to increase. The governor wants to reduce next years budget by 3 billion dollars but wants to take on a debt of an additional 450 million dollars.

Please vote **no** on the stem cell question.

VOTE!

RESPECT LIFE SEMINAR ON STEM CELLS

The Respect Life Ministry will host a brief seminar on the topic of stem cells on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30 PM, after noon Mass in the St. Joseph’s Chapel of Our Lady of the Lake church. The program will entail a 14 minute video “The Science of Stem Cells: Findings, Cures, and Protecting Lives”. If you have a chance, please come.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

This month we are again starting the “Spiritual Adoption” program at our Lady of the Lake Church. We are asked to spiritually adopt a pre-born baby who is in danger of being aborted. Keep praying daily for the pre-born baby that you spiritually adopt. Use any prayer you want. The prayer most frequently used is one by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen:

*“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child
that I have spiritually adopted
who is in danger of abortion”*

One Month Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. The baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping blood through it’s own circulatory system. The blood type can be different than his mother’s.

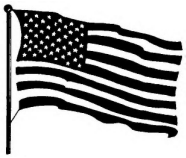
Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the lord of Life may move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all, the gift of life.

ANNUAL RETREAT—NOVEMBER 16-18

Men from our council join the Knights of Immaculata for a 3 day retreat at St. Joseph In The Hill in Pennsylvania. It is from 6 PM Friday to 1 PM Sunday. The Spiritual Director will be Rev. Joseph Gleason, Director of Spirituality at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

The cost for the weekend is \$160, but don't let the cost stop you from making this wonderful weekend. Come whether you can afford it or not. The giving is anonymous, and the shortfall on some is made up by the generosity of others. Feel free to invite a friend or family member. It may well prove to be the most important time of their lives. Call Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684 for further information, reservations, and car pooling.

SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS



Our Lady of the Lake CCD Third Grade classes has taken on a community service project this school year (2007-2008). They are excited to announce this project will be “Socks for Soldiers”. The children will be writing letters, praying, and purchasing socks for the soldiers throughout the year.

A brother Knight has a friend who is going to Iraq in May. He informed us that black, cotton socks are the best. The soldiers' socks get wet, they rip and wear out and this causes problems with their feet. In addition, socks are not always available to them when they are in the field on a mission.

OLL's Third Grade CCD classes would be most grateful if you would consider supporting their Third Grade Community Project through the contribution of socks, gift certificate, letters or a donation. Amazing Savings in Verona has set aside socks for this project and they are packaged as 3-pairs for \$3.99! Ask for Lilly when you get to the store ... she has them in the back.

Our James J. Kelly council has just approved a donation of \$100 for the purchase of 75 pairs of socks. See if you can make our own individual contribution, no matter how small or large.

As you know, our soldiers are constantly walking and defending us everyday. Step by step, together we can make a difference!

OUR LADY OF CHARITY PRAYER PROGRAM

A new Marian Prayer Program in honor of Our Lady of Charity began Order wide on September 8, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This program features an image of Our Lady of Charity, the patroness of Cuba.

Our Lady of Charity has special significance to the Knights of Columbus, given the Order's first principle of Charity, which was also the theme of Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*. Therefore, although the Virgin of Charity has her origins in Cuba, devotion to her is altogether appropriate for Knights of Columbus everywhere. As a sign of spiritual solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI, the Holy Father and his intentions will be remembered during each prayer service.



GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Gabriel Bercovici, Abby Lewis, Alice Garcia, Mary Lou Rapuano, David Ford, , Ian Stryker, John D. Coyne Jr., William Foley, Regina Soboti, Richie Weber, Al Moltedo, Paul Maria, Joe Musynske, Stephanie Herbert, Hayley Pope & family, the Rembert Family, baby girl Hanlon, Eric M, Thomas Flood, Frank Rodgers, Anita Sommer, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Pat Reynolds, Dr. Doris, Stella & Jerry Votta, Leonard Laniewski, Christine Maccia, Joann Spiegel, Carol Weld, Marie Cole, John DeSimone, Pat MacFarlane, Steve Rappaport, Edythe Tomaszewski, and Judy Sommer.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Peggy Spooner, Susan Ruppel, and William Van Houten, Sr.

Pray for the victims and their families of Hurricane Katrina.

Pray for peace in our world especially in the Middle East.

Special prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

We should continue to pray for all those who run maternity shelters for the homeless and unwed mothers, especially Good Counsel.

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.

**Please contact the Knight Life if any of the names listed in the "Good of the Order" should be updated or removed.*

INSURANCE

Are you a true provider or just pretending to be? When it comes to protecting your family, choose life insurance. It's the smart choice.

Life insurance protects against dying too soon or living too long. It also provides mortgage protection; enables your children to get an education; allows you to have money for final expenses and emergencies; or can be used as a retirement fund.

The life insurance you purchase today will supply your family with the needed money to obtain their dreams. Don't masquerade as a provider. Be a true provider. Be an insured member.

Call me, Ron Listwan, your council field agent, at 973-519-2487, to discuss these needs. I want to hear from you.
from you.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

As an incentive for driving up membership, I am personally going to sponsor a membership contest. Here's how it goes:

For every 4 candidates that a member signs up and the candidate must make the 1st degree prior to the end of this Columbian year (June 30, 2007). I will give you a \$25.00 American Express Gift Certificate. For every member over 4 I will add \$10.00 dollars to that amount. If you have any questions about please contact Ron Listwan @ (973) 519-2487 or E-mail me @ rgtt8888@aol.com.

Thanks,

Ron