



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange January, 2008

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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

TUESDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 5-6	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Jan 11	Council Holiday Party @ Salvatorian Monastery
Jan. 12	Rosary For Life: 8:45-10:00 AM in Montclair
Jan. 12-13	Rose Sunday @ St. Catherine of Sienna
Jan. 15	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30 (Only meeting in January)
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 22	March For Life bus trip to Washington, DC & Trenton
Feb 5	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30
Feb 6	Ash Wednesday
Feb 9	Rosary For Life
Feb 19	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30
Mar 4	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30
Mar 18	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30
Mar 21	Good Friday
Mar 23	Easter Sunday
Mar 25	K of C Day of Unknown Child
Mar 29	Founders Day
Mar 30	Divine Mercy Sunday

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to wish to you and your families a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year. If we all were to reflect back on 2007, there would be those of us who are happy to see 2007 end as we look forward to 2008 with great anticipation for the wonderful family, business and personal events that are up coming; others would say 2007 was a really good year. But I'm sure most of us reflect on 2007 as a year like most others ... There were Great times, Okay times and other times that were not so good for any number of reasons. As Knights of Columbus, we are reminded through our ceremonials and our works of charity that God is Good and that ALL things are possible with Jesus and His mother Mary, our Lady on our side!

As a council, I would have to say that 2007 was a pretty darn good year! PGK, John Sommer guided our council from January through June with many successful social and charitable events capped off with marching in the Verona Centennial 4th of July parade. The second half of this year sees us with a first ever Council web site that is kept up to date with news, events and links to our parish web sites and township web sites. We have welcomed new members to our council thanks to a successful membership drive and our social and charitable events are as vibrant and strong as ever. Let's begin 2008 by gathering together as brother Knights, family and friends on January 11th, by attending our **Annual Holiday Party**. It's a great reason to get out of the house and join with a group of like minded people for an evening of sharing and fun.

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. It's all Good.

Vivat Jesus!
David Lyon

CHAPLAINS CORNER



Brother Knights!

Jesus Christ Our Savior proclaimed that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Life! To exist! To have being! How deep our awe and gratitude towards this monumental gift that has been given to each of us from Almighty God! That our lives have been sanctified and redeemed by God Himself through the Precious Blood of Christ; what honor and dignity must we treat human life! That is why, all the more, we must persist in this culture of death to witness to the truth through our words and deeds (seen and unseen).

May God protect and inspire those of you who will be traveling to Washington D.C. this coming January 22nd; know that the thoughts and prayers of the entire Council go with you! May our Lady, Queen of all Knights, always lead and protect us!

Vivat Jesu!
Fr. Robert

KNIGHT LIFE DOUBLE ISSUE

This issue of the Knight Life is a double issue for January and February. Remember to check our web site often for any updated news in the next two months. The next Knight Life will be published in March.

ALZHEIMER DRIVE - FINAL REPORT

Collections from King's	\$1004.30
Collections from Nicole's Market Foodtown	1182.56
Donations from brother Knights, family, & friends	<u>945.00</u>
Total	\$3131.86

Thanks again to all our brothers who collected and donated to this worthy cause. We surpassed last year's collections by \$500!

HOLIDAY PARTY - JANUARY 11, 2008

Make plans to attend our Holiday Party on Friday, January 11 at 7:30 PM at the Salvatorian Monastery. The price will be \$15/person. This is not a fund raiser but a fun raiser! Last year we had sixty-eight people - brother Knights, family, and friends attending.

The food will be catered by Forte of Caldwell. There will be beer, soda, and wine. We are asking the wives of the members to bring desserts - cookies, brownies, cakes, etc.

Let Tony LoRusso (office 973-228-5275 or home 973-595-5441) or Ron Blaha (973-239-2895) know how many people you are bringing by January 8 . They need to know how much food to order.

ROSE SUNDAYS—JANUARY 5-6 & 12-13

We will again be selling the Right To Life lapel roses at both Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena churches with the proceeds going to Nellie Gray's March For Life in Washington DC and Birth Right of Essex county.

The collection date at Our Lady of the Lake is January 5 & 6. St. Catherine's will be on the following weekend, January 12 & 13.

We will be taking donations of \$5 for the lapel rose along with signatures to send to our representatives in Washington, DC to show our support for Respect Life from conception to natural death. Volunteers are needed at both churches to cover all the Masses. Call John Sommer at 973-857-1370 and tell him which mass you will be attending.

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS”

This was a very successful program! We sold 186 lawn signs and 200 car magnets. We gave away about six signs to the churches and monastery. At St. Catherine's we sold 41 lawn signs and 69 car magnets. Thanks to Kevin Brown, Tim Murphy, Tom Basil, and Tony Morano. At our Lady of the Lake we sold 50 lawn signs, and 60 car magnets. Thanks to Nick Munning, George Hectus, Jim Flynn, Bob Rodgers, James Cole, Doug Mau, Kevin Carr, Chuck Collins, Torrey Mathisen, Pat Hanley, P.J. Hanly, John Sommer, & GK Dave Lyon and family. The car magnets, a manger scene with “Keep Christ in Christmas”, went very fast, selling out after the 9 AM Mass at OLL.

Thanks to Tim Murphy and Tom Basil, we sold about 17 lawn signs at Nicolas Market Foodtown (Tim knows the manager).

Our Grand Knight Dave Lyon and Deputy Grand Knight Chuck Collins took lawn signs and magnets to the Essex County Federation meeting and had great success selling to other councils. Lori Lyon sold the remaining car magnets left over from the meeting.

Thanks to all who participated in selling and buying and most important, proclaiming the message. It was a great reminder of what Christmas is all about.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

35th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Monday, January 22, 2008

Our council will join the Montclair council's annual bus trip to Washington D.C. The meeting place will be at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Cedar Grove. Mass be at 6:45 AM. The bus will leave after coffee and donuts after Mass. Lunch, supper, and soft drinks will be provided. The cost of the trip is \$25 for adults, \$10 per child. It is very uplifting to see so many right to lifers from all across the United States assembled in our nations capital. It is especially wonderful to see so many teenagers. Take the day off. Pray that our representatives vote to protect life at all stages from conception to natural death.

We try to visit our representatives in the Senate and House. The pro-abort legislators are usually away from their offices that day so they don't have to face us. We usually leave a note for them of our feelings. Maybe you would want to prepare a message for them ahead of time to leave at their offices.

Call John Marrin at 973-746-9383 for reservations and make them early. This year our council will be co-sponsoring the bus trip by sharing the expenses. We will be supplying the food and drink for this trip

If you can not take the entire day off, there will be a pro life rally on the steps of the State House in Trenton (NJ Capital), 125 West State Street, from 11 AM to 1 PM. Various pro life speakers will be featured. Stand up and be counted! Let us show the strength and perseverance of those who reverence life in New Jersey.

For more information call 732-562-0562 or 732-409-1449..

PRO LIFE MASS

There will be a pro life Mass at the Cathedral in Newark on Sunday January 20, at 12 noon, with Bishop Donato. This will be a time for blessing all those who have so faithfully proclaimed the Gospel of Life through the years as well as those who will be attending the March For Life in Washington DC and/or Trenton this year.

The Natural Choice is Life

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY

We collected from St. Catherine of Siena and Our Lady of the Lake churches, a total of 144 eye-glasses and 67 watches. They were delivered to New Eyes For The Needy in Short Hills by Tim Murphy and John Sommer.

There is always an on going need for eye glasses, watches, and hearing aids. So keep bringing them to the churches or our meetings.

ROSARY FOR LIFE - DECEMBER 8

Praying the Rosary for unborn babies' lives across the street from Montclair's abortuary on Bloomfield Ave. (the Pilgrim Medical Center) on 2nd Saturdays can be discouraging when you see no immediate results. No expectant mothers changed their minds the last two second Saturdays. But when two couples changed their abortion plans while we prayed on December 8 (and another confirmed save after our group left), there was great satisfaction and reward. Come and join us—rain or shine—on January 12, any time between 8:45 AM and 10 AM. It is invaluable to those unborn babies!

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, 2008). 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 Listwan

LENT

We just finished with the Christmas season and it's already time for lent? That's right. Ash Wednesday is February 6!

Most people are surprised to learn that the "Forty Days of Lent" begin on the first Sunday of the season, not on Ash Wednesday. The 40th day is Holy Thursday, the day on which Lent ends and the Paschal Triduum begins. This method of counting 40 days comes from the earliest history of the Church.

But there is another 40-day period to consider — 40 days of fasting. Because Sundays are never days of fasting, the "Forty Days of Lent" (from the First Sunday to Holy Thursday) include only 34 fasting days. In the sixth century, the day we know as Ash Wednesday and the three days afterward were "added to this Lenten fast so that there would be 38 fasting days before the Paschal Triduum. The fasting days of the Triduum — Good Friday and Holy Saturday — are counted with Lent's 38 to total 40 day's of fasting before Easter Sunday.

Christian poets have called the 40 days —almost a tenth of the year — as a "tithe of days we offer to the lord. Poets have also described lent as quarantine — which literally means "40 days" — as a time for the Church to seek the appropriate therapy for whatever ails it. Saint John Chrysostom called fasting a "medicine." It keeps us healthy in body and soul.

Observing a 40-day fast models our lives after the lives of the Lord Jesus, of the Prophet Elijah, of the lawgiver Moses — each of whom fasted for days at the onset of their life's work. Each year we are invited to enter more deeply into a holy life. And even if we fail in our attempts — or especially if we fail — we can be sure that God will not.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Keep praying daily for the pre-born baby that you spiritually adopted who is in danger of being aborted.

*“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”*

Four Month Developing Baby

Well, your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints which will remain unchanged until he dies. His taste buds are working.

His sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. There are no major body developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

Five Month Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs one pound now. His mother can feel him moving now. Before he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease before in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it - the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling.

We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Abortion Advocates Drop House Provisions To Promote International Abortions

Abortion advocates in Congress have officially given up their fight to over turn President Bush's Pro-Life limits on making taxpayers fund groups that perform or promote abortions overseas. Democratic leaders in the House have removed a provision from their spending bills that would have weakened the Mexico City Policy. This policy has been in place since the Reagan administration, with the exception of the Clinton years. It insures the State Department doesn't reward the abortion business or pro-life groups with family planning gifts. They removed the pro abortion language from the 2008 foreign aid budget.

This victory was credited to Congressman Chris Smith, Senator Sam Brownback, and pro-life Democrat Representative Pat Strupch and other pro life congressmen.



Make Lent An Enriching Experience

Renew your faith...

Build Christian community...

Encounter Christ in dynamic ways...

Become a disciple who lives and shares faith...

Bring the light of Christ to families, workplaces, and neighborhoods...

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

Sign Up Sunday at Our Lady of the Lake Church

Jan 12- 13



GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Gabriel Bercovici, 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, Marie Pierce, Nicole Greco, Daniel Fischer, Fr. Frank McGowan, Bro. Walter Doyle S.C., Richard Sommer, Ben Apicella, new born baby Holly Shannon, Paul Coleman, Jerry Liquori Sr., and Judy Sommer.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Salvatore Malanga.

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.

INSURANCE

Do you know the Knights of Columbus can offer IRAs and Keogh Plans (US), RRP's (Canada)? Do you know enough about them to decide whether or not they fit into your financial picture? I would like you to answer three questions: 1) Are you, like most people, interested in saving money? 2) Do you find it difficult to save under common saving methods? 3) Take the number of years you've been working times your average salary. What percentage of that income have you saved so far? How much will you save in the future?

If your answers bother you, I would like a chance to sit and talk with you (and your wife, of course) about our alternatives — annuities and tax-sheltered savings at highly competitive interest rates. You need not look anywhere else but your own Order for your financial needs. Other institutions bombard you with ads for business at this time of year. We just keep doing what we have been doing since Father Michael McGivney founder of the Order — taking care of our members and their families.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of January:

Tom Defrancisci	Chuck Collins	George Thomas	Joseph Shook
William Foley	William Cannan III	Christopher Rodgers	Al Moltedo
Ron Blaha III	Fr. Wojciech Kowalski	Fr. Wlodzimierz Las	Peter Kiernan
Timothy Murphy	P.J. Hanly		

Happy birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of February:

Donald Vincent	Fr. Robert Gelinas	Kevin Brown	Mark Rodgers
Phil Tummarello	Gregory Mau	Walter Hislop	Rick Flattes