



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

## GRAND KNIGHT

**DAVE LYON**

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**JOE CAFARELLA**

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## INSIDE GUARD

**CARLOS**

**FERNANDEZ**

## OUTSIDE

**GUARD**

**TIMOTHY MURPHY**

## CHAPLAIN

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**GELINAS**



## MEETINGS

**1ST & 3RD**

**TUESDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

**7:30 PM**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15-18	K of C NJ State Convention @ Wildwood
May 20	Regular Meeting @ Salvatorian Monastery 7:30
May 26	Memorial Day Parade in Verona
May 28	“Pride In Priests” Dinner
May 29-June 1	St. Catherine of Siena Carnival
June 3	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30
June 14	Rosary For Life—4th Anniversary
June 14	Special Citizens Picnic
June 14	Flag Day
June 17	Regular Meeting @ Salvatorian Monastery 7:30
	Election of Officers
June 28	Cedar Grove Centennial Parade
July 4	Independence Day Parade—Montclair

## GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

With only about a month and a half left in this Columbian year, our council is steaming towards the end with a plethora of activities. First is the State Convention from May 15-18. Then the Pride in Priests Dinner, followed by St. Catherine’s Carnival, which we are once again a part of and working a gaming booth. Then It’s our annual Special Citizens Picnic. If you’ve never gone to this event, you really should make the effort. Bring the family and experience charity first hand. There is food and refreshments, a live band. And it’s free. And if you love a parade, why not march in one? You have three opportunities to do so. In May we march in Verona for Memorial Day. In June we march in Cedar Grove in their Centennial Parade. And as we do every year, we join Montclair council to march in Montclair’s 4th of July parade.

And of course there is the usual regular meetings with the election of officers coming up. Speaking of which, did you ever consider being in a leadership capacity in the Knights? New faces and new ideas is what makes an organization strong and dynamic. We’d love to have you step up to the plate. And don’t forget the monthly Rosary for Life on Bloomfield Ave. Also, there is a 3rd degree in Union on June 6 for those waiting to take that final step to full Knighthood. Finally, please consider making your personal (or business) contribution to the Special Citizens Drive if you haven’t already done so. We are so close to our goal.

So read this issue carefully, mark your calendars. There is plenty of enjoyable activities for you and your families to take part in. Hopefully, we’ll see you marching in the streets or picnicing with us, or praying with us, or at the carnival, or just hanging out and coming to a meeting.

Vivat Jesus!  
David Lyon, GK

## CHAPLAINS CORNER



Brother Knights!

The month of May is the month of Our Lady; may we remember in a special way the particularly important message of Our Lady at Fatima, celebrated May 13<sup>th</sup>. As John Paul the Great reminded us, *the apparitions at Fatima in 1917 form a point of reference and enlightenment for our century. Mary, our heavenly Mother, came to awaken men's consciences, to illuminate the authentic meaning of life, to call men to conversion from sin and to spiritual fervor, to inflame souls with love for God and with charity towards their neighbor. Mary came to help us, because many, unfortunately, do not wish to accept the invitation of the Son of God to return to their Father's house.*

Even today, Mary renews her maternal and urgent petition: the conversion to Truth and Grace; the return to the life of the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist and devotion to her Immaculate Heart, accompanied by a spirit of penance. May we be true and noble witnesses of holiness and be true Knights of Our Lady!

**Vivat Jesu!**

Fr. Robert

## SHIELD AWARD

This year our council recognized the outstanding accomplishments of two Cedar Grove and two Verona police officers at our council's regular meeting on April 15, at the Salvatorian Monastery.

Committee chairman, Bob Rodgers, presented Shield Awards to Detectives Andrew McPhail and Charles Lagattuta, of the Cedar Grove Police Department. These officers were recognized for their investigative skills and determination for bringing an armed robbery suspect to justice.

The Verona police officers who received Shield Awards were Patrolmen Timothy Banta and Anthony Condorelli. They were recognized for their skills and bravery in handling a domestic dispute call during which the suspect held and aimed a gun at the patrolmen. The incident was resolved with no shots being fired and no injuries.

Congratulations to these officers and to all the men and women who serve our towns.

## KNIGHTS ON PARADE

Our council will be marching in several upcoming local parades

Monday, May 26      Memorial Day Parade in Verona. Begins at Everett Field at 10 AM. Call John Sommer @ 973-857-1370 to let him know you'll be marching and for more details.

Saturday, June 28      Cedar Grove Centennial Parade. Let's have a great turn out for this parade. It will be the first time our council will be marching in Cedar Grove. We will be accompanied by a float with live band. We will also be joined by the Montclair K of C council. Call Kevin Brown @ 973-239-4446 for details.

Friday, July 4      Independence Day Parade in Montclair. Once again we will be joining our brothers from the Montclair council to show our support for Church and country in this very liberal town. The Montclair K of C usually has a picnic following the parade at their council house. Call John Sommer @ 973-857-1370 for info.

These parades are family affairs. So bring your wife and kids and have a fun time.

## **SPECIAL CITIZENS (MENTALLY HANDICAPPED) DRIVE**

Our council collected at:	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Kings (2 days)	1403.62	1761.80 (3 days)
Foodtown (3 days)	1745.52	1598.16
Shop Rite	<u>1173.70</u>	<u>did not collect</u>
	\$4322.84	\$3359.96
Our Lady of the Lake Church	971.80	1467.76
St. Catherine of Siena Church	<u>1271.70</u>	<u>1270.39</u>
	2243.80	2738.15
Donations by mail as of 5/8	<u>2395.00</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8961.34</b>	

To reach our goal of \$10,000, we need to collect \$1040. For our council members who have not made their personal contribution and would like to do so, make your check payable to *Knights of Columbus #3632* and mail it to: John Sommer, 172 Forest Ave., Verona, NJ 07044. Mark your check *Special Citizen Drive*.

Thanks Larry Dillon who spearheaded the effort by arranging all the dates and collecting all the monies. Thanks to all those who collected: Nick Munning, Chuck Collins, Dave Lyon and family, Greg Mau, Eric Watkins, James Cole, Larry Dillon, Pat Hynes, Tony LoRusso, Charles Maccia, Tony Ditri, Torrey Matheson, Pat Hanley, P.J. Hanly, Bob Rodgers, Dominic Bertoldi, Joe Cafarella, Jim Miserindino, Bill Spooner, Joe Marino and son, Diane Mahn, Tim Murphy, Carlos Fernandez, Kevin Brown and sons, Ron Blaha, Kevin Carr, John Sommer, Angelo Berardi, Chuck Pritchard, Al Linkus, & Jerry Graham.

Our apology if we left out anyone who did collect. Some of the above collected more than once. Great team effort by all with great results.

### **NJ K OF C CONVENTION - WILDWOOD, NJ**

On May 15, quite a few council members and families are heading to Wildwood for the K of C State Convention. It is a four day weekend which we can all use. A report will be in the June issue of the Knight Life.

### **ESSAY CONTEST**

Both St. Catherine of Siena and Our Lady of the Lake schools are participating in our council sponsored Essay Contest. It is for any 8th grade student going to a Catholic high school. The winner from each school will receive a \$250 cash prize. Essays are being graded now. Winners will be announced in June.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Congratulations to the following brothers for making their 2nd Degree: Al Linkus, Terry Gooley, Jerry Graham. The ceremonial was performed at Livingston council, conferred by our own Father Kelly 2nd Degree team.

And congratulations to our Financial Secretary who recently was conferred the 4th Degree. Please address him now as Sir Joseph Cafarella.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ADOPTED BABY**

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after his mother conceived him. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He is no different now than he was before birth except that he breathes and eats differently.

He is truly a miracle. He began as a 46 chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby.

You may never meet the mother and the baby but your prayers saved his/her life

## **JERRY O'CONNOR MEMORIAL K OF C SPECIAL CITIZENS PICNIC**

All Knights and their families are invited to this special picnic. It will be held on Saturday June 14 (rain date June 15), 12 noon to 4 PM at Cedar Grove's Community Park on Little Falls Rd. Music will be supplied by Jake Thomas and his band. Beryl O'Connor and her family took this picnic to heart and have raised the funds to finance this special event. They will be the hosts. This was Jerry's special project and his family took it over after his death.

Jack Cavallere and Joe Cafarella are in charge of the food with the able assistance of Bob Rodgers. They would like some help. Please call Jack at 973-226-1101. It is a special day for these special citizens. Bring your family, lawn chair, and enjoy this great day of food, music, fun and friends. If you have never been to this annual event, you should really make an effort to see your council do it's best work.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS—JUNE 17**

We will be holding elections for our Columbian year 2008-2009 which starts July 1, 2008. Elections will be held on June 17 at our regular meeting in the Salvatorian Monastery. Positions to be voted on will be Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Warden, Advocate, Outside Guard, and Inside Guard.

Where would our council be if a few good men didn't volunteer to step up? It only takes several hours a month and you will get all the help that you need. Think and pray about it. Then do what's right for you and your council.

## **PRIDE IN OUR PRIESTS**

On Wednesday, May 28, there will be a dinner to honor our priests. Our council will be joining other councils from Essex, Union, Bergen, and Hudson counties, in asking our priests and our chaplains to join us for dinner in Woodridge, NJ as our special guests. Invitations have been delivered. This celebration will be held at "The Fiesta" on Rte 17 in Woodridge. An open bar cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 PM with hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar begins at 7:30. Cost is \$40 per person (of course the priests go for free). It is time to honor these men who do so much for us and the Church. If you are interested in going, call GK Dave Lyon @ 973-857-1977.

## **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CARNIVAL**

St. Catherine's is holding it's annual carnival starting Thursday, May 29 to Sunday, June 1. Our council has volunteered to help run a gaming booth from 6 to 10 PM all four nights. This is an activity we did for many years but somehow got away from it. But now we're back! It's a lot of fun and helps raise money for St. Catherine's school.

Please sign up for one of these dates. You can do a 4 hour shift or a 2 hour shift. Please contact Kevin Brown @ 973-239-4446 to sign up.

## **ROSARY FOR LIFE**

June 12, 2004: Many of us may remember that we had a great Special Citizens picnic in Cedar Grove that afternoon. Some of us may also remember that that was the first morning we joined the Rosary Support Group of Roseland to say the rosary across the street from the Montclair abortuary on Bloomfield Ave.

June 14, 2008: It will now be 4 years of praying the rosary on the 2nd Saturday of each month. During those Saturdays, over 50 mothers changed their minds and chose to give birth to their sons and daughters. I know our prayers had a lot to do with it. Many of us on this date will again enjoy our annual Special Citizens picnic in Cedar Grove. Meanwhile, abortions will still take place in Montclair. Join us any period of time between 8:45 and 10:00 AM across the avenue from the Pilgrim Medical Center to help save an unborn child's life. Their future depends on us.



## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

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

Gabriel Bercovici, Alice Garcia, Mary Lou Rapuano, Ian Stryker, John D. Coyne Jr., William Foley, Regina Soboti, Richie Weber, Al Moltedo, Paul Maria, Joe Musynske, 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, Marie Cole, John DeSimone, Steve Rappaport, Edythe Tomaszewski, Nicole Greco, Daniel Fischer, Fr. Frank McGowan, Bro. Walter Doyle S.C., Paul Coleman, John Dolan, Tom Gorman, Joseph Shea, Sr., Walter Breese, Sally Hasslacher, Peter Hasslacher, Jr., and Ron Blaha.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Ben Apicella, Nicholas Cafarella (brother of Joe Cafarella), Michelle McFarland, and Bill Mastriano.

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**

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, Ron Listwan at 973-519-2487 and he'll plan it with you.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

Fr. Tesfamariam Baraki

Joseph Cafarella

Richard Citrano

Al Linkus

James McEvoy

Chuck Pritchard

Mathew Ripoli

Emil Jarco