



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

## GRAND KNIGHT

**DAVE LYON**

**857-1977**

## DEPUTY GK

**CHUCK COLLINS**

## CHANCELLOR

**KEVIN BROWN**

## RECORDER

**LARRY DILLON**

## WARDEN

**ANGELO BERARDI**

## FINANCIAL

## SECRETARY

**JOE CAFARELLA**

## TREASURER

**TOM BASIL**

## ADVOCATE

**TONY DITRI**

## LECTURER

**BOB RODGERS**

## INSIDE GUARD

**CARLOS**

**FERNANDEZ**

## OUTSIDE

## GUARD

**TIMOTHY MURPHY**

## CHAPLAIN

**FR. ROBERT**

**GELINAS**



## MEETINGS

**1ST & 3RD**

**TUESDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

**7:30 PM**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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
July 8	Regular Meeting @ VCC 7:30
July 12	Rosary For Life
Aug 5	Regular Meeting @ Salvatorian Monastery 7:30
Aug 11	Rosary For Life

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

June 30<sup>th</sup> concludes the 2007-2008 Columbian Year and our council officer's terms. I thank you for having allowed us the privilege of guiding our council this year and I look forward with great expectations for the upcoming Columbian year led by a "Dream Team" of officers headed by DGK Chuck Collins (expecting he will be elected GK!).

As a council, we have accomplished so many successful charitable projects, brought new members into our ranks, held fun and well attended social events and established our own council web site that is kept up to date.

All these things are possible because of the great support we have from our council members, family and friends. We truly are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of Catholic gentlemen who freely give their time and talents to the accomplishment of our council's goals.

I'd like to thank all of the officers and our committee chairmen for making my Grand Knight experience fun and rewarding. Your hard work and enthusiasm allow our council to accomplish anything. Special thanks to DGK Chuck Collins for ALWAYS being there for me and for jumping in to help unequivocally and without hesitation ... this really is appreciated!

Thank you to Angelo Berardi who served so faithfully as Warden to our council this year and for the past four years. The meetings were always set and ready to go!

DD Ed Lopez will be completing his extended term as District Deputy for our council this month. Ed supports our council activities, attended our meetings regularly and is truly a good friend to the council.

Special thanks to our Chaplain Father Robert Gelinas who always inspires our council with his Chaplain's report at our meetings and the Chaplains Corner article in the Knight Life Newsletter.

Thank you to all our brother knights who volunteer to help in our various activities and events. I'd like to especially thank the members who make the time to come to the meetings and share your ideas, enthusiasm and support for the council. It's your active participation and your new ideas that keep our council vibrant and viable.

Thank you for the opportunity to be Grand Knight and Vivat Jesus,

David Lyon  
Grand Knight

## CHAPLAINS CORNER



Brother Knights!

Happy Father's Day! St. Paul tells us that from God, "every fatherhood, in heaven or on earth, takes its name." Therefore, earthly fathers have the incredible privilege and solemn obligation to reflect the qualities of Our heavenly Father to their children.

**Unconditional love** - God's love is not only infinite, it comes with no strings attached. If God loves without conditions, we must in turn love our children the same way. Does this mean never showing displeasure, or giving correction? Obviously not, but giving discipline that never causes children to doubt our steadfast love. **Kindness** - "Thou hast dealt with us, O Lord our God, in all thy kindness and in all thy great compassion" (Baruch 2:27). God's kindness doesn't make Him a doormat; it makes Him approachable for He is slow to anger but quick to show mercy. **Patience** - God is like the father of the prodigal son, waiting eagerly for our return. If we want God to deal patiently with our sins, we must deal patiently with the shortcomings of our family. **Gentleness** - When God manifested Himself on the mountain to Elijah, He was not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but rather in a still, small voice (1 Kings 19:11-12). And the prophet Isaiah describes God's care for His people in these words: "He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will gather the lambs in his arms and gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:11). Through the intercession of the Holy Family, may we be true reflections of Our heavenly Father.

**Vivat Jesu!**

Fr. Robert

## SUMMER MEETINGS

Our council traditionally only holds meetings once a month in July and August. Please note these dates, as one is not the usual Tuesday of the month: July 8 (2nd Tues) & August 5 (1st Tues). Both will be at the Verona Community center.

## KNIGHTS ON PARADE

Our council will be marching in several upcoming local parades

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.

## QUARTERLY 50/50

Enclosed with this issue of the Knight Life you will find tickets for our July 50/50 with a return envelope. They are \$5 each. Return the stubs with your check made out to K of C #3632.

Council winners in April were: Jim McEvoy, Mike Maione, Joe Shook, Judy Hectus, Al Moltedo, Stan Osinski (twice), Charles Dimeck, Bill Cannan, and Dorothy Cole. There would have been six more winning brothers, but they didn't return their stubs, including the \$500 prize! Please return the stubs. This is one of our four 50/50 fundraisers we have each year to help support our council activities and charities. Thanks for your support.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

At the June 17 regular meeting at the Salvatorian Monastery, we will hold elections for officers for the 2008-2009 Columbian year. The proposed slate is as follows:

Grand Knight	Chuck Collins
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Brown
Chancellor	Tony Morano
Recorder	Larry Dillon
Treasurer	P. J. Hanly
Warden	Jack Cavallere
Advocate	Tony Ditri
Outside Guard	Tim Murphy
Inside Guard	Bill Spooner IV

**Assigned:**

Chaplain	Fr. Robert Gelinis
Financial Secretary	Joe Cafarella
Lecturer	Bob Rodgers

Come to the meeting and vote!

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

Congratulations council, you did it again. We reached our goal of \$10,000. The break down is as follows:

Our Lady of the Lake	\$ 971.80
St. Catherine of Siena	\$1271.70
Kings	\$1403.62
ShopRite (W. Orange)	\$1173.70
Foodtown (Nicholas Market)	\$1745.52
Mail collection	<u>\$3940.00</u>
	\$10,506.34
2007 Reserve	<u>\$ 108.01</u>
Total	\$10,614.35

## **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.

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

It was a great success due to the lovely weather and the hard work of the volunteers. Our council manned one of the game booths for all four nights. The Knights who participated were: Tim Murphy, John Sommer, Larry Dillon, Dave Lyon, Tony Morano, Kevin Brown, Charlie Collins, Chuck Collins, Jack Cavallere, Tom DeFrancisci, and Tony Ditri.

Fr. Charlie and Fr. Robert really appreciated our participation.



## **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, Nicole Greco, Daniel Fischer, Fr. Frank McGowan, Bro. Walter Doyle S.C., Paul Coleman, John Dolan, Walter Breese, Sally Hasslacher, and Peter Hasslacher, Jr..

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Joseph Shea, Sr., and Edythe Tomaszewski.

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.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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

James Miserendino  
Krzysztof Szczotka  
Bud MacFarlane  
Dave Lyon

Pat Hynes  
Dan Donovan  
Kevin Glenn

Gary Karpinski  
Wieslaw Strzadala  
Paul Soderman

## **ESSAY CONTEST**

Each spring our council sponsors an essay contest. The essay contest is open to the eighth grade students at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena schools, who will be attending Catholic high schools next fall. The title of the essay was "The Catholic Church Makes The World Better Because:"

The winner at OLL school was Mary Wojtal. She received a check for \$250 and will be attending Mount St. Dominic Academy. The winner at St. Catherine of Siena school was Elizabeth Norton. She received a check for \$250 and will be going to Depaul High School.

Many thanks to our brother Knights who graded these many essays: Larry Dillon, George Hectus, and Tony Ditri. Good work brothers!

## **NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION**

All who attended had a good time. The weather was sunny except for Friday's rain. We again brought back a plaque for collecting over \$10,000 in the 2007 Special Citizens Drive. Out of 352 councils in the state, only 11 reached the \$10,000 mark. For our relatively small council to reach this lofty goal is due to the hard work of our members and generosity of our contributors. The largest amount collected in the state was \$21,100. We collected \$10,100.