



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange June, 2009

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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

TUESDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13	Jerry O'Connor/Special Citizens Picnic Rosary For Life
June 16	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena—Election of Officers
July 7	NJ Jackals Baseball Outing
July 11	Rosary For Life
July 21	Installation of Officers Mass—Salvatorian Monastery
Aug 5	Federation Meeting @ Salvatorian Monastery
Aug 8	Rosary For Life
Aug 11	Golf Outing @ Black Bear Club in Franklin
Aug 18	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Well, this Columbian year is drawing to a close, and I would have to consider it a success. A few different spins on some old traditions and some new ideas has made it fun and rewarding. More social meetings has boosted participation, like our tailgate party in October, Christmas lecture and social, St. Patrick's Day social, Catholic Charities lecture, and Fr. Robert's farewell social. The attendance raffle has also raised interest, especially for those who have won. This year we moved the Holiday Party to the Russian Hall and hired a live band, resulting in over a hundred guests. Next year we want to fill the place. Again, we manned a booth at the St. Catherine's Carnival and this year we sponsored the booth. We marched in not one but two Memorial Day parades. And we reached our goal of \$10,000 in collections for the Special Citizens Drive again. And we now have a website. And there is still more to come this summer. In July we will be having a NJ Jackals Baseball outing, and in August, our first Golf Outing.

A lot of people did a lot of work and I would like to thank you all and hope you continue to do charitable works, with the Knights of Columbus as your venue. But I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a few who stepped up and put in some extra hours. Our DGK Kevin Brown headed our "Keep Christ In Christmas" campaign, took over the Special Citizens Drive, and spearheaded the upcoming Golf Outing. John Sommer puts together *The Knight Life* month after month, and with Larry Dillon, seems to help out with everything. Dan Fitzpatrick now handles the printing of *The Knight Life* in a new and better-looking format that cuts our council's printing costs. Tony Morano assures our council's publicity by staying on top of events with pictures and articles. PJ Hanley designed and maintains our website. And I could probably go on, but the point I'm trying to make is our council works like a team and the results are obvious. Let's do it again next year. Have a great, safe summer!

Vivat Jesus,
Chuck Collins, GK

CHAPLAIN'S 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

WE DID IT !

SPECIAL CITIZENS/MENTALLY HANDICAPPED DRIVE

The following are the results of our council's collection:

	<u>2009</u>
St. Catherine	1252.84
OLL	<u>1145.00</u>
	2397.84
Foodtown 3 days	1501.10
Kings 2 days	1454.88
Shop Rite 3 days	<u>1087.07</u>
	4043.05
Mailings (as of May 5)	<u>3947.00</u>
Total	10,287.89

Thanks to all members who participated in collecting and donating. We reached our goal of \$10,000 for the eighth time in the last ten years. Very good for the small council that we are! There are only 10 councils out of 340 that collected over \$10,000!

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: Al Maccia, Donald Vincent Tony LoRusso, Ron Blaha, Chuck Pritchard, Bob Roma, and Jack Cavallere won the big \$500 prize. Outside council winners were Marion Caffarella (Joe's mom), Mary Gibons (Fr. John's sister), and Jim Kiernan (brother Knight from Belleville council). 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.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – JUNE 13

Join your brother Knights and Judy Holtz's Rosary support group on the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 8:45 AM to 10 AM on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, in front of the Social Security building, opposite the Pilgrim Abortuary. We come to pray that mothers will not abort their babies. We 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. **This month marks the fifth anniversary of the Rosary for Life.**

MEETING ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

We collect \$1 from each member at every meeting and if a member's name is drawn and he is in attendance, he wins. If he is not present, the money is rolled over to the next meeting, and so the pot grows. At the May 19 meeting, Walter Drury's name was drawn but he was not there. Sorry, Walter. On June 2, Vincent Manno had his name drawn but he was not there. Sorry, Vincent. The ante should be up around \$80 dollars for the next meeting. Do you feel lucky? It pays to attend meetings!

JACKALS BASEBALL OUTING

Our annual outing to Yogi Berra Stadium on the campus of Montclair State University to see the New Jersey Jackals baseball club will be on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. The Jackals will host the Sussex Skyhawks, with first pitch at 7:05 PM. Tickets are \$8 for box seats. Mark your calendars and enjoy a night at the ballgame with your brother Knights and their families. Call Chuck Collins @ 973-857-9124 and tell him how many tickets you want.

GOLF OUTING



Our council is planning its first golf outing for this summer at the Black Bear Golf Club in Franklin, NJ. The date has been set for August 11. Player registration is from 7:30 AM-8:30 AM with a 9 AM shotgun start. A lunch and awards for longest drive, closest to the pin, and more will follow golf.

The fee is \$135 which includes greens fees, a golf cart, food, and refreshments. If you want lunch only—\$50. Hole sponsorship is \$100, Cocktail hour sponsorship is \$500, and a lunch sponsorship is \$1000. Send your payment in by July 15 to reserve your spot. All proceeds are to benefit the **Youth Groups of St. Catherine of Siena and Our Lady of the Lake.**

Start getting your foursome together. It's all for a great cause and fun outing. Give Kevin Brown a call @ (973) 239-8830. Check out our website for a downloadable brochure.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CARNIVAL

Our council sponsored and worked one of the gaming booths at the SCS carnival from May 28-31. Tom DeFrancisci, John LoCoco, John Sommer, PJ Hanly, Chuck Collins, Tony LoRusso, Tim Murphy, Larry Dillon, Tony Morano, Dave Lyon, and Kevin Brown all took turns spinning the wheel of chance and handing out Yankees and Mets (and a few Red Sox) prizes. St. Catherine's had a record night on the Saturday night of the carnival. Congratulations on another excellent event.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations John LoCoco and Gary Wilczewski on making their 3rd Degree in Union on June 5.

SEMINARIAN ORDAINED

One of the seminarians we supported, Julius Joseph B. Lucero, was ordained a Deacon by Archbishop John J. Meyers in May. Congratulations and God's blessing.

JERRY O'CONNOR MEMORIAL K OF C SPECIAL CITIZENS PICNIC

Jack Cavallere reports that everything is ready for this years picnic at Cedar Grove Memorial Park on Saturday, June 13 at 12 noon. The O'Connor family, the Boy Scouts, the clowns, and Jake Thomas and his band are all ready to go. Bring your family and friends to this outing. All you will need to bring are some lawn chairs and sunscreen and be ready to have a lot of fun with good food and company.

KNIGHTS ON PARADE—MEMORIAL DAY

Our council marched in two parades on Memorial Day. We had 14 marchers in the Verona Parade which started at 10 AM: James Miserindino, Tim Murphy, Tony Morano, Ron Blaha, PJ Hanly, Pat Hanley, Chuck Collins, Tony Ditri, Bill Spooner, Bob Rodgers, Tony LoRusso, Paul Soderman, John Sommer, and Larry Dillon.

Then we trekked off to Cedar Grove for their noon parade with Tim, Tony M, Chuck, PJ, Bill, Jim, Tony D, Tony L, John & Judy S. By the end of the second parade, our legs were a little tired and weary. Kudos to Jim Miserindino and Tony Ditri (turns 90 in December) for sticking it out to the end of both marches.

SHIELD AWARD

This year's shield award ceremony for Verona police was held at the town council meeting on May 18. DGK Kevin Brown presented the awards to officers Ron Thorward, Steve Young, Joel Martin, and Sgt Michael Ruglio. The Cedar Grove policemen were honored at our K of C social meeting on May 19. GK Chuck Collins presented the awards to Lt. Joseph Cirasa, Sgt. Frank Pumphrey, Ptl. Daniel Boutmy, Ptl. Joseph Ribaud, Ptl. Joseph Filippello, Ptl. Jeffrey McElroy, D/Sgt. John Kennedy, Det. Charles Lagatutta, Det. Andrew McPhail, Dispatcher John Smigelsky, and Lt. Dale Carriker.

Congratulations to all these fine men in blue for the work they do in protecting our townships.

ARMY BOUND FATHER ROBERT GELINAS

As most of you know, our Chaplain, Fr. Robert, is soon embarking on a new career path to serve our country as an Army Chaplain. The Archbishop has approved his request, so he's off to basic training in September. So what do you do when your chaplain is leaving for the army? You throw him a little party. At or last meeting, we honored Fr. Robert with a K of C sports watch, a check to help get going, and some personal accolades to show how much he's meant to us these past few years. Afterward we all socialized and had pizza and refreshments.

NJ STATE K OF C CONVENTION

It was a wonderful weekend, May 15-17. The weather was much nicer than predicted. We had sun every day except on the way home on Sunday. Eight members of our council were there: Jack Cavallere, Ron Blaha, P.J. Hanly, Bob & Madge Rodgers, George & Judy Hectus, Nick & Jean Munning, John & Judy Sommers. Once again we stayed at the Port Royal Hotel in Wildwood Crest right on the beach. Jack Cavallere won the 50/50 on Thursday night in the hospitality room for \$100.

During the Convention, our council was honored with two plaques: One for our Alzheimer's Drive \$3900. There were only three plaques given out for the Alzheimer's awards. The second was for last year's contribution of \$10,400 to the Mentally Challenged/Special Citizen's Drive. There were only ten councils in the state who collected \$10,000 or more. We were the ninth highest out of 340 councils in the state.

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
Michael Collins

Gary Karpinski
Wieslaw Strzadala
Paul Soderman
John LoCoco

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our Installation of Officers Ceremonial has a new date. We have moved it to July 21, from its usual September spot. Since the Columbian Year starts July 1, and the officers assume their positions on that day, we felt it was more productive to hold the ceremonial in the summer when not much is going on, and use the September date for something more constructive, like a tailgate party.

The event will once again be held at the Salvatorian Monastery, beginning at 7:30 PM. The Ceremonial is preceded by a Mass. Officers should arrive at 7 PM in jacket and tie. Refreshments and light fare will be served afterward.

ESSAY CONTEST

This year's contest winners at both Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena schools were very close. Our Lady of the Lake had eight contestants who were going to Catholic high schools. The winner is Briana Marcentonio and she is going to Mt. St. Dominic Academy next year. St. Catherine of Siena had 14 contestants. The winner there is Maggie Coleman and she is also going to Mt. St. Dominic Academy next year. Each winner received a \$250 scholarship check from our council.

The subject was *Celebrating Service*. The topic was "Giving of ourselves by reaching out to others in our parish and community is important. I make it a part of my life by....."

Congratulations to the winners.

INSURANCE

Today you are giving your children the best education you can buy. Today your wife is living comfortably and not worrying to make ends meet. Will that be the scenario when you are gone? If you have life insurance, the answer is a definite yes.

With life insurance your family is taken care of as if you are still with them. The family won't have the financial burden that comes with the passing of the breadwinner. Life insurance will be there to handle all the family financial needs. There is no undue stress on the family. Isn't that how you would want it?

The end result? Life goes on for your family almost as if you were still there. And that's a gift of love.

Call me, Brian Honsberger, your council field agent, at (973) 998-4229 today for an appointment.

SUMMER MEETINGS

Our council traditionally only holds meetings once a month in July and August. They will be the third Tuesday of the month. Please note these dates:

Tuesday, July 21	Installation of Officers	Salvatorian Monastery
Tuesday, August 18	Regular meeting	St. Catherine of Siena



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, 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, Christine Maccia, Marie Cole, John DeSimone, Steve Rappaport, Nicole Greco, Daniel Fischer, Fr. Frank McGowan, Paul Coleman, Beth Duelly, William Robertson, Jane and Andy C., Donald Sell, Diane Barton, Dick Meehan, Julie Alvarez, and Barbara Shea.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Julie David and Vera Meehan.

Pray for peace in our world especially in the Middle East and for the safety of all our military men and women.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—JUNE 16

We will be holding elections for our Columbian year 2009-2010 which starts July 1, 2009. Elections will be held on June 16 at our regular meeting in the St. Catherine's. 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. In particular, we need someone to step up and be our recorder and Lecturer.

The proposed slate is as follows:

Grand Knight	Chuck Collins
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Brown
Chancellor	Tony Morano
Recorder	Open
Treasurer	P. J. Hanly
Warden	Dan Fitzpatrick
Advocate	Tony Ditri
Outside Guard	Tim Murphy
Inside Guard	Jack Cavalere
<u>Assigned:</u>	
Chaplain	Open
Financial Secretary	Joe Cafarella
Lecturer	Open