



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange July, 2011

## **GRAND KNIGHT**

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**JOE CAFARELLA**

## **LECTURER**

**JOHN SOMMER**

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**PAT MULLEN**

## **ADVOCATE**

**TONY DITRI**

## **INSIDE GUARD**

**JACK CAVALERE**

## **OUTSIDE**

## **GUARD**

**GARY**

**WILCZEWSKI**

## **CHAPLAIN**

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## **MEETINGS**

**2ND & 4TH**

**THURSDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

**7:30 PM**



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 9	Rosary For Life
July 12	Installation of Officers Mass @ Salvatorian Monastery
July 21	NJ Jackals Baseball Outing
July 28	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine's
Aug. 13	Rosary For Life
Aug. 25	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine's
Sep. 8	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Sep. 17	West Point Football Outing
Sep 22	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine's
Oct 8	Oktoberfest @ OLL
Oct 8	Rosary For Life

Dear Brother Knights,

I'm happy to send my first Grand Knight's Message to all of you—what an honor to be entrusted with the leadership of the Council!

Quite honestly, though, I believe that the best good comes through “servant leadership.” That is, a leader is not an absolute authority (we already have one of those; He's written a *good book* about it ... I'm guessing you've read some of it). Rather, a leader is a guide, someone who brings out the best of the group through everyone's effort—essentially, the leader is *serv*ing the group.

Our Council has made some great progress during the past several years. As I take my turn as Grand Knight, I'm going to do my best to encourage even more participation from all of us in the Council to keep our success growing—and to have fun along the way. Feel free to get in touch any time with any ideas you have for the Council—you can reach me at [ammorano@optonline.net](mailto:ammorano@optonline.net) or 973.857.7122.

Finally, a hearty welcome and thank-you to the rest of the new executive board—I look forward to working with all of you.

Vivat Jesus,

Tony Morano

## **NEW OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012**

At the June 23 regular meeting, we will held elections for officers for the 2011-2012 Columbian year. There were no surprises:

Grand Knight	Tony Morano
Deputy Grand Knight	P. J. Hanly
Chancellor	Dan Fitzpatrick
Recorder	Al Linkus
Treasurer	Pat Mullen
Warden	Tim Murphy
Advocate	Tony Ditri
Outside Guard	Gary Wilczewski
Inside Guard	Jack Cavalere
<u>Assigned:</u>	
Chaplain	Fr. Bryan Page
Financial Secretary	Joe Cafarella
Lecturer	John Sommer

## **\*INSTALATION OF OFFICERS—NEW DATE\***

The Installation of Officers Mass will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 PM at the Salvatorian Monastery. Rev. Robert (Mac) McLaughlin and Fr. John Gibbons will con celebrate the Mass. Ceremonies will be presided over by District Deputy Andres Palomino. Officers should arrive by 7:00 in jacket and tie. Refreshments and light fare will be served afterward. All members and families are welcome.

## **NJ 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 Thursday, July 21, 2011. The Jackals will host the New York Federals with first pitch at 7:05 PM. All 12 oz. beers and 16 oz. sodas are \$1. Tickets are \$11 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 or email the council at kofc3632@aol.com and tell him how many tickets you want.

## **WEST POINT BUS RIDE & ARMY FOOTBALL**

Save the date: September 17. The council is planning a bus trip to West Point for members families and friends. Enjoy Army football vs. Northwestern University. More details to follow in the summer Knight Life. Contact Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684 for details or volunteer your time.

## **SUMMER MEETING DAYS AND LOCATION**

As is customary, we will only be meeting once a month in July and August. The meetings will be the 4th Thursday of those months, both being held at St. Catherine of Siena below the church.

## **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. Remember, you need to be at the meeting to win. John Cryan Jr's name was picked the last meeting. Unfortunately, he wasn't there to win the \$129 pot. The pot keeps growing. So come to meetings. You gotta be in it (the meeting) to win it!

## **SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE**

We mailed a check of \$10,100 to the NJ State K of C Office. It was made payable to the NJ Knights of Columbus Intellectual Fund. Thanks again for all who participated in collecting and generously donated. Please support the businesses that responded to our appeal letter for the Mentally Challenged Drive:

Rosina Food Products, Inc.	170 French Rd., Buffalo, NY
Bunky's Automotive Service, Inc.	144 Pompton Ave., Verona, NJ
All Essex Chiropractic	6 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, NJ
Shook Cedar Grove Funeral Home, Inc.	486 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, NJ
L.B. Quality Plus Nurses, Inc.	69 Fairview Ave., Verona, NJ
M. Zichelli Sons, Inc.	151 Forrest St., Montclair, NJ
Verona Barber Shop	Bloomfield Ave., Verona, NJ
Forte's Pizzeria	182 Bloomfield Ave., Caldwell, NJ

We hope to be able to present checks to our recipients of the drive at our July 28 meeting at St. Catherine's

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

The annual picnic for Special Citizens was held on June 11. The weather made it a misty affair. Beryl O'Connor and family were expecting 180 people. But despite the weather, 134 guests showed up. 25 workers helped out including 7 of the Beryl's family plus 4 grandchildren. There were five clowns from Grace United Methodist Church in Wyckoff, NJ. They gave out all sorts of fun things they purchased with the funds given to them by Beryl. The food was cooked by Boy Scouts and members of Beryl's family.

There were an additional four vans that came but the guests were fed inside the vans (due to the rain). The clowns also visited them inside the vans. All in all, it was a very successful event. Let us all try and attend next year's Special Citizens Picnic.

## **OKTOBERFEST @ OLL**

If you missed it last year, you already know you regretted not going. Save the date: Saturday, October 8, 2011. Once again, a bounty of food, a variety of beer, live bands, and about 1500 friends from the Catholic community of Our Lady of the Lake. Cost is \$60/person in advance (some Brother Knights are putting together tables, so ask around), \$75 at the door, \$40 for senior citizens over 70.

Again, our council will be volunteering our services. Last year we were food runners. We will probably fill the same sort of job this year. So get involved. Work a little, party a lot. Tickets are available online at [www.ollverona.org/oktoberfest](http://www.ollverona.org/oktoberfest) or call 973-239-1042. Tickets are limited so get them while supplies last.

## **SHIELD AWARD**

At our June 22 meeting, our Grand Knight, Kevin Brown and committee chairman Bob Rodgers, presented two Shield Awards to two deserving Cedar Grove Police officers: Ptl, Dominic Buscio accepted the awards. Sgt. Edward Conlon was absent due to a previous appointment. the officers were recognized for their involvement in the following incident:

On January 9, 2010, Sgt Conlon and Ptl. Buscio responded to a report of a person having a seizure. Upon arrival, the officers discovered that the victim, a 47-year old Township woman, was pulse less and not breathing. In conformance with their training, the officers immediately initiated CPR and applied an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the victim. After several rounds of CPR and several "shocks" via the AED, the victim responded to the emergency treatment and began to breathe again. She was then transported to a local hospital for treatment and has since fully recovered. It was later determined that the victim had actually suffered cardiac arrest and would have died without the immediate emergency treatment.

It is clear that the immediate and decisive action taken by these two police officers in providing emergency care to a breathless, pulse les victim undoubtedly saved this woman's life.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER



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

Gabriel Bercovici, John D. Coyne Jr., Regina Soboti, Richie Weber, Paul Maria, Joe Musynske, Hayley Pope & family, the Rembert Family, baby girl Hanlon, Thomas Flood, Anita Sommer, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Stella & Jerry Votta, Christine Maccia, John DeSimone, Nicole Greco, Daniel Fischer, Fr. Frank McGowan, William Robertson, Jane and Andy C, Stephanie Herbert, Betty Ferrari, Barbara Shea, Janice Hayward, David Venturella, Suzanne Flood, Mark, Gustafo, & Eduardo Chiappara, Vincent Fitten, Sharon Ramsy, George Thomas, Elizabeth Camalleri, Brenda Benvenuti (lung disease ), David Bratton (@ Notre Dame thinking of becoming a priest), Patti Roma, Stanley Gagner, Bill Frazee, Christine Collins, Bruce Williams, Claire Tomeo, Karen Reynolds, and Gene Liquouri.

- Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Theresa Daniello (mother-in-law of Frank Sapienza)..
- Pray for our seminarians, especially the ones we support, Richard Di Brasi & Antonio Sarento.
- 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.
- 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 July:

Bob Rodgers	Ron Blaha, Sr	Alfred Santoro	Angelo Berardi
Ralph Powell	Ron Blaha, Jr.	Michael Maione	Fr. Mike Hanly
Thomas Powell	Nick Munning	Thomas Cannan	Tom Finn
	James Ferguson	Mario Bucca	

## ROSARY FOR LIFE – JULY 9 & AUGUST 13

Witness the power of prayer! Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, July 9 & August 13, from 8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, in front of the Social Security building, opposite the Pilgrim Abortion Clinic where they perform 100 abortions a week. We gather to pray the rosary that mothers will not abort their babies. We meet the second Saturday of every month. Come spend as much time as you have. Your prayers and presence will and have saved baby's lives! Bring your families. At the June rosary, we were blessed with one save: a mother decided to keep her baby.

## INSURANCE

The fourth of July commemorates our country's independence. Let today commemorate your family's independence.

Free your family of worry and stress by getting life insurance. Life insurance for the time when you aren't going to be with them. No one lives forever, but your family's freedom can.

Life insurance allows your family the freedom of living. The protection allows them to live their lives. (Instead of worrying about **how** they will live their lives.) They will survive because you and the investment you made in life insurance.

Call me, Craig Fuchs, your council field agent, at (973) 632-6694 today and let your family gain independence.

## **GOLF OUTING 2011**

The Council welcomed more than 50 golfers to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing in June. We held the event again this year at Black Bear Golf Club, and again were applauded by the golfers for a fantastic day. Cigar Hole, open bar, and plenty of food, and lots of prizes complimented the golf. No one won the \$25,000 Hole-In-One contest, but Jim Ruppel of North Caldwell captured the putting contest title by sinking a 50 foot putt. We'll be making a donation from the Golf Outing proceeds to the Youth Ministries of both Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena parishes.

The event would not be successful every year without the great support and hard work of so many people. A special thank-you to Dan Fitzpatrick, this year's event chairman, and his committee: Kevin Brown, Chuck Collins, Alice Fitzpatrick, PJ Hanley, Al Linkus, Dave & Lori Lyon, Tony & Michelle Morano, Cindy Mullen, Tim Murphy, John & Judy Sommer.



GK Kevin Brown goes wide left at the putting contest



This guy was a lot closer but no cigar

## **THE MAYOR IS A KNIGHT**

Congratulations to brother Knight Frank Sapienza on his election to Mayor of the Township of Verona. Frank has been a town Councilman and a member of our council for several years.

## **NEW PARISH PRIESTS**

Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena have each added a new priest to serve their respective parishes. Rev. Paul Houlis is the new associate pastor at OLL, and Rev. Robert McLoughlin (F. Mac) is the new Parochial Vicar at St. Catherine's.



## **INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE**

We had eleven members of our council who participated in the 4th of July parade in Montclair. We were joined by our brother Knights from Montclair and Clifton as we marched under the banner of the Montclair Council #1277, led by the Color Guard of the Fourth Degree. Our marchers were: Bill Spooner, Larry Dillon, Jim Miserendino, Chuck Collins, Nancy Salls, Dave & Lori Lyon with daughters Jenny & Gale, John & Judy Sommer. Joe Cafarella marched in the ranks of the Color Guard.

Following the two mile trek down Midland Ave., the Montclair Council hosted a very nice picnic style lunch in the air conditioned Madonna Hall at Immaculate Conception, with plenty of food, refreshments, and a live band. Happy Birthday America!

(Left: Jim Miserendno gets ready to march )

## WHAT OUR COUNCIL DOES

### Collections

Special Citizens Drive, Alzheimer's Drive, New Eyes For The Needy, New Jersey Right To Life Raffle, Rose Sunday (money used for March For Life in Washington DC and birthright of Essex).

### Activities

Hold two meetings a month, Membership Drive, Rosary For Life, NJ State Convention in Wildwood, Pride in Priests Dinner, St. Catherine Carnival, Essay Contest for 8th grade scholarships at OLL and SCS, Keep Christ in Christmas campaign (lawn sign and magnet sales) with proceeds and Keep Christ in Christmas coloring books donated to our Catholic schools, Golf outing (proceeds for the youth groups at OLL and SCS), March in Verona Memorial Day Parade and Montclair's 4th of July Parade, Shield Award for deserving police officers from Verona and Cedar Grove, March For Life Bus Trip to Washington DC, volunteers for Oktoberfest, Jerry O'Connor/K of C picnic for Special Citizens.

### Social Events

Installation of Officers Mass and reception, Past Grand Knights Dinner, Christmas social, Winterfest dinner dance party, St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner social, NJ Jackals baseball outing, West Point Football outing, an Attendance Raffle at every meeting.

Council members also participate in Cornerstone, retreats, various church Ministries including ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and choir members. We publish a monthly newsletter (you are reading it) and have our own website. We have both 1st and 2nd Degree teams that travel all over Essex, Union and Bergen counties. Our 2nd Degree team is the only one in Essex county. We sponsor two seminarians from Immaculate Conception Seminary.

These are some of the activities our council and brother Knights are involved in. Which brings us to this poem:

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER  
THE KIND THAT WOULD BE MISSED?  
OR ARE YOU JUST CONTENTED  
THAT YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST?

DO YOU ATTEND THE MEETINGS  
AND MINGLE WITH THE FLOCK?  
OR STAY AT HOME THEN CRITICIZE AND KNOCK?

DO YOU TAKE AN ACTIVE PART  
TO HELP THE WORK ALONG?  
OR ARE YOU JUST SATISFIED TO BE  
THE KIND THAT JUST BELONG?

DO YOU EVER WORK ON COMMITTEES  
TO SEE THERE IS NO TRICK?  
OR LEAVE THE WORK TO JUST A FEW  
AND THEN TALK ABOUT THE CLIQUE?

SO COME TO THE MEETINGS OFTEN  
AND HELP WITH HAND AND HEART  
AND DON'T JUST BE A MEMBER  
BUT TAKE AN ACTIVE PART

THINK THIS OVER BROTHER,  
YOU KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG  
ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER  
OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?