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Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange April, 2012

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 22	Special Citizens Collection @ Shoprite –West Caldwell & OLL
Apr 26	Regular Meeting at St. Catherine’s
Apr 27-29	Special Citizens Collection @ Foodtown—Cedar Grove
May 2	Pride In Our Priests Dinner @ The Fiesta
May 4-6	Special Citizens Collection @ Jack’s Foodtown—Caldwell
May 10	Regular Meeting @ OLL
May 12	Rosary For Life
May 17	Ascension Thursday
May 17-20	K of C State Convention in Wildwood, NJ
May 24	Regular Meeting at St. Catherine’s
May 28	Memorial Day
May 31– June 3	Carnival @ St. Catherine of Siena
June 9	Jerry O’Connor Special Citizen's Picnic
June 9	Rosary For Life
June 11	Golf Outing

Dear Brother Knights ...

Happy Easter! I hope all of you are enjoying this great time of year! The Council has a lot going on right now: the annual Special Citizen’s fundraising drive is here; the 4th Annual Golf Outing is coming up; we’re in the midst of our annual essay contest for our parish schools’ 8th graders; we’re honoring our towns’ police officers with our annual Shield Award; we’re sending our delegates to the state convention ... and that’s not even *everything*!

The long and the short of it is, we could use your help! There’s lots to do and lots of ways you can get involved. Let us know what you’d like to do and we’ll be sure you’re there! Spend just a couple of hours collecting for the Special Citizens drive and help us break the \$10,000 mark again this year. Spread the word about the Golf Outing and sell some sponsorships or foursomes. Swing on by a meeting—we’re happy to have you.

Are you on the Council’s e-mail list? If not, send me a note at ammorano@optonline.net or to the Council address at KofC3632@aol.com and just say, put me on the list!

Vivat Jesus,
Tony Morano, GK

**AN OPEN LETTER OF APPEAL FROM
FR. TESHAMARIAM BARAKI**

Fr. Tesfa has been a long time member of our council who was transferred to a Washington DC mission many years ago. Fr. Testfa was once a parish priest at Our Lady of the Lake. He was a close friend of our Past District Deputy and OLL parishioner, the late Emil Granconola. Several weeks ago, he reached out to our council for help. Here is his appeal:

To: Father James J. Kelly, Council 3632 (Verona-Cedar Grove)
My Dear Brother Knights of Columbus
Greetings in the Lord!

After a long silence, here am I contacting you during this Holy Season of sacrifice and self-denial concerning my nephew, Assefa Hailu Baraki, a victim of dual renal failure in Ethiopia and in great danger of life. Not knowing what to do how to save my nephew, I am sending this appeal note to my Council with which I never have been active due to physical distance and heavy priestly duties and pastoral responsibilities here in Washington, DC, for over 28 years already.

Since October of 2010, I have been extensively involved to save the life of my nephew by collecting some donations here in the United States for his kidney dialysis back in Ethiopia in order to prolong his life. By the grace of God and the help of generous friends and benefactors here in the US, my nephew's has been prolonged and relatively stable.

Now for many months here in Washington, DC, I have been negotiating with and appealing to the Georgetown University Hospital seeking a probono medical assistance to my nephew. And there has been made a good progress and there is a good chance of getting a probono kidney transplantation for him. At this time, everything is in process and under pre-transplant evaluation stage.

But there are some major challenges remaining to the family: I am told by the GU Hospital that the family must be in a position to be able to providing anti-rejection (immunorepressant) drugs for the patient immediately after the transplantation surgery and then for the rest of his life. Those medications are extremely expensive for the family to afford.

Secondly, due to the delays in the process and evaluations, we are running out of funds for his regular hemodialysis in Ethiopia, and I am very much afraid that he might die before the kidney transplantation takes place here in Washington, DC at GUH (hopefully and prayerfully!).

I was wondering the Father James J. Kelly Council to which still I belong as an inactive member could come to the rescue of my nephew by helping me raise some emergency funds from brother Knights in New Jersey or any other people of goodwill. Would be possible to conduct during this Holy Season of Lent or the Easter Season or after or anytime to conduct for me a (**ONE-DOLLAR**) gift from fellow Knights or others as well to save life of one-young-student who desperately fighting to live against all the odds?

I am attaching here below some appeal information that you could share with any Knights of Columbus Council or with any groups or individuals or clubs or organizations or businesses who might be helpful to us in saving this young student's life.

I would greatly appreciate if you could share this urgent appeal message with them via electronic means so that that the receivers can learn about the critical situations of this boy who is desperately seeking for help to live. Your brief recommendation would be of great help and would be deeply appreciated.

Thank you very much for your kindness, cooperation and collaboration in this life-saving cause and endeavor!

And I wish you blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Fr. Tesfamariam Baraki
Uncle of Assefa Hailu Baraki
St. Gabriel's Rectory
26 Grant Circle NW
Washington, DC 20011
Tel. (202) 722-5430 (Home)
Tel. (202) 865-7867 (Work)
Website: <http://www.barakikidneyfund.net>

Father James J. Kelly Council has donated \$100 to Fr. Tesfa's appeal. We ask that every council member consider making a personal donation, regardless of size, to our brother in need.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

The dates are set. Expect a call from committee members to volunteer some time. Better yet, call them and get the prime times you want. Dates for our drive are as follows:

April 21-22 OLL—after every Mass
April 22 Shop Rite—West Caldwell
April 27-29 Foodtown—Cedar Grove
May 4-6 Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell
May 5-6 St. Catherine's—after every Mass

Do your duty and volunteer when the time comes. If you do nothing else all year, this is a charitable work that would please Jesus. Make your commitment now, during lent, to sacrifice two hours of your time. Please call committee co-chairmen Tony Morano @ 973-857-7122, or Pat Mullen @ 973-571-0056, if you don't hear from them first.

Please note that Shop Rite in West Orange and Kings in Verona will no longer let us collect.

GOLF OUTING - JUNE 11, 2012



We're stepping things up this year by bringing our Golf Outing to the luxurious Glen Ridge Country Club. The location is much "closer to home," making it easier for golfers to attend. As usual, we'll have plenty of food, fun, and prizes. Take a chance trying to hit a hole in one: this year's prize is a 2012 Acura!

You'll be happy to know that the Youth Ministries that the Golf Outing supports truly appreciate our help. Our Council chaplain, Fr. Mac, is helping to rebuild the Youth Ministry at St. Catherine's. He's got more than 30 adult volunteers training now as ministry leaders, activities with Youth Group kids start over the summer, and the ministry will kick into high gear in September. PGK Kevin Brown and GK Tony Morano recently presented a donation check to SCS's new Youth Ministry group—\$5,500 from the past two years' outings. As you can imagine, they were thrilled with this "start up" fund!

Check out the Golf Outing website at kofc3632.org/golf for all the information—registration forms, sponsorship information, and more. Sell sponsorships! Get golfers! Come out and play on June 11! With your help we'll keep the Golf Outing going and growing. For more information about how you can get involved, contact Dan Fitzpatrick at **973.222.7503** or thefitzs@comcast.net.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – MAY 12

Witness the power of prayer! Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, May 12, 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 abortions have increased from 100 to over 150 a week. We gather to pray the rosary that mothers will not abort their babies. We meet the second Saturday of every month. Surely you have one hour to pray that the life of a pre-born baby be spared. Your prayers and presence will and have saved baby's lives! Bring your families.

PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER—MAY 2

Come and join your brother Knights and priests from Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union counties from the Archdiocese of Newark, at the annual Pride in Priests Dinner, Tuesday, May 2, held at the Fiesta Banquet Hall on Rte 17 in Wood Ridge, NJ. Festivities start with a open bar cocktail hour from 6:30-7:30, followed by dinner with a cash bar. Our council is getting a table for 12. Several of our priests are going, so we will fill the rest of the table with council members, on a first come basis. So if you would like to join us, call Grand Knight Tony Morano @ 973-857-7122. Bring along your wife or a friend if you wish.

Last year, over 500 attended including Archbishop Myers, Auxiliary Bishops of Newark, brother Knights, ladies, and friends.

Cost is \$40/person. Proceeds of the event go to a fund set up for the Archbishop. If you can't go you can sponsor a priest to go.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEETING/PARTY

On March 22, our council held it's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, following a short business meeting at St. Catherine's. About thirty people attended to enjoy a feast of corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes, prepared by Council #3632's favorite Irishman, Gary O'Wilczewski. Irish music filled the air while Irish beer and whiskey quenched the thirst. A grand time was had by all.

GOOD OF THE ORDER



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

John D. Coyne Jr., Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, the Rembert Family, Thomas Flood, Anita Sommer, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Christine Maccia, William Robertson, Stephanie Herbert, Barbara Shea, Suzanne Flood, Mark, Gustafo & Eduardo Chiappara, Brenda Benvenuti (lung disease), Bill Frazee, Christine Collins, Bruce Williams, Claire Tomeo, Nick Munning, William Spooner III, Nivaldo DelPino, Stella & Jerry Votta, Patti Roma, Baby Brooke, Carol Luders, Fausto Alercon, Ron Blaha, and Karen Reynolds.

- Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Martin Fetherston.
- Pray for our seminarians, especially the ones we support, Thomas Quinn & 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 April:

Charles Dimeck
Joseph Marino
Bill VanHouten
Peter Wojtal

Fr. Andrew Kielkowski
Tony Miloscia
Pat Vuolo

Br. Damian Marek
Francis Rodgers III
Ron Weathermon

INSURANCE

Good Advice

Remember your teacher's good advice? "Always start each project with an outline. It will give you the right direction." Experience tells us that the same idea works when it comes to getting ahead on the job - or in planning for individual or family security. But, in the latter kind of planning, your outline cannot be completed alone.

Rely on the trained advice of your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent and the Order's long and practical experience in the life insurance business to help you prepare your plans for the years ahead. I will be happy to help you chart and build a sound economic future. Better yet, I'll do it with an individual insurance plan keyed to your own needs and goals.

This sort of professional counsel is available at absolutely no obligation...just through a telephone call to me for an appointment. Today, when programming is essential to effective use of the do everything computer, it is equally so to the fulfillment of our dreams and hopes for our families. Life insurance programming is a service you should have... and one that I provide.

Call me, Craig Fuchs, your council field agent, at (973) 632-6694 today for an appointment.

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. Mark Rodgers' name was picked at the April 12 meeting. Mark was not there. The pot is now at \$46 after the last meeting.