



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

## GRAND KNIGHT

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**DAN**

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**TONY DITRI**

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**GENARO**

**SALERNO**

## OUTSIDE

## GUARD

**GARY**

**WILCZEWSKI**

## CHAPLAIN

**FR. ROBERT**

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## MEETINGS

**2ND & 4TH**

**THURSDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21	Regular Meeting at St. Catherine's—Election of Officers
June 21– July 4	Fortnight for Freedom
July 4	Parade in Montclair
July 10	Installation of Officers @ St. Catherine's
July 19	NJ Jackals Baseball Outing
July 26	Regular meeting @ t. Catherine's

Dear Brother Knights ...

June wraps up our Columbian year. Along with that, I'm wrapping up my term as Grand Knight. Thanks very much for letting me be the steward of the Council this past year.

We had a lot of fun this year, and chalked up some great accomplishments. Last summer we enjoyed a night at a NJ Jackals baseball game—an event that has become an annual tradition. In the fall, we spent a day at West Point for a football game. We came together for our Christmas celebration, our annual Winterfest dinner/dance, and a St. Patrick's Day feast. Our Keep Christ in Christmas campaign was a success, and we brought home awards from the state convention for our fundraising efforts—number one in the state for the Alzheimer's drive and another year in the \$10,000 club for our Special Citizens drive. We closed our year in June with an incredibly successful golf outing. We welcomed new members—including our new brother and Chaplain, Fr. Mac—and said a final farewell to others.

I'm sure I've missed a few things—but forgetting a few because there are *so many* to remember is a great problem to have! A few members of other Councils came to our golf outing this year; they talked with great admiration about all that our Council does, how active we are, and how successful we are. Thanks to the *very many of you* who help to make this Council so strong!

Vivat Jesus,  
Tony Morano, GK

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Summer is here! Yesterday we had a fabulous time at the Golf Outing and I cannot say thank you enough to all of you who put so much effort into this great event. I also had the opportunity to see many of you at the Knights of Columbus Picnic on Saturday even though I could only be there for a short while. With so many great events, I remember why I was so excited to become part of this council. This KofC council is very active. There are always events going on both in support of fraternity and charity, always looking to strive for unity. We are reminded constantly of why Fr. Michael J. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus, why we have joined such an organization, and most importantly, why we give so much of our time, talent, and treasure towards this organization. Because our efforts help! Our efforts, no matter how small or great, no matter if we are gaining the spotlight or helping in the background, our efforts are working towards the mission of our Order. I thank you for your efforts and I truly thank you for allowing me to be part of that. You are an amazing group of men.

That we have the freedom to celebrate our faith this way and to express our faith this way are truly blessings for us all. It is a freedom that was won for us a long time ago. And now it is a freedom we need to continue to defend. Our Bishops have asked us to enter into prayer and fasting together in a novena from June 21<sup>st</sup> leading up to July 4<sup>th</sup>. **On page 6 of this Knight Life**, please find the prayer the Bishops have asked us to pray. I invite you to pray this prayer each day from June 21<sup>st</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>. I also ask you to visit the website the Bishops have created and learn more about this important issue: [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience). Here you will find helpful information to understand for yourself why this is such a serious matter. This begins with the Department of Health and Human Services demanding that all employers, including Catholic employers, offer insurance coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. But what it can mean going forward is that even though we might have a belief and teaching, the Government will decide what we can and cannot do about those beliefs. Do not allow your freedom to be taken away. Please take the time to be observant in prayer and speak out against this legislation. Write to your elected representatives. And inform others of why this is so important. The Fortnight for Freedom prayer occurs as we celebrate in our liturgical calendar, many great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution including: St. John Fisher, St. Thomas More, St. John the Baptist, Ss. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Let us take courage from these great men and women and in their name let us stay true to our faith as we seek the freedom to continue to express it.

May God Bless You All,  
Fr. Mac

## GOLF OUTING - JUNE 11, 2012



We held our Fourth Annual Golf Outing at the beautiful Glen Ridge Country Club on June 11. A record number of 130 golfers participated and the event raised a record amount of money for the Youth Groups of OLL and St. Catherine's.

This year's raffle prizes were the biggest and best so far. We gave away four great trips, 3 sets of 4 Mets and Yankees tickets, a huge gas grill and a tent with 3 rooms that sleeps 10 and numerous other prizes.

The great success of this year's event was made possible by the generous donations of time, talent, and gifts by the following people and groups:

- Lou Santiago of the Montclair Knights who brought 16 golfers and numerous door prizes
- The Knights of Columbus Councils from Fairfield, Livingston, Montclair, and NYC's Hell's Kitchen
- The Golf Committee members -- Tony Morano, Kevin Brown, Joe Cafarella, Chuck Collins, Mike Fitzpatrick, PJ Hanly, Al Linkus, Dave Lyon, Fr. Mac, Pat Mullen, Tim Murphy, and John Sommer
- Lori Lyon for her help collecting and organizing gifts
- The Youth Group Administration of Barbara Camp, Father Mac, and Father Paul

And a special thanks to the Golf Outing chairman, Dan Fitzpatrick, for his incredible work coordinating this year's event.

## 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.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

At the June 28 regular meeting at the St. Catherine's, we will hold elections for officers for the 2012-2013 Columbian year. The proposed slate is as follows:

Grand Knight	P. J. Hanly
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Brown
Chancellor	Dan Fitzpatrick
Recorder	Al Linkus
Treasurer	Pat Mullen
Warden	Tim Murphy
Advocate	Tony Ditri
Outside Guard	Gary Wilczewski
Inside Guard	Jack Cavallere
<u>Assigned:</u>	
Chaplain	Fr. Robert (Mac) McLaughlin
Financial Secretary	Joe Cafarella
Lecturer	John Sommer

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Any Brother who would like to run for any of the above offices, please contact Kevin Brown @ 973-239-4446.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST**

**“The importance of faith, academics, and service in my own daily life.”**

Congratulations to this year's winners of our Council's annual essay contest: Olivia Chrobocinski, from Our Lady of the Lake School, and Gabrielle Ramos, from St. Catherine of Siena School.

Each spring, our Council sponsors an essay contest open to the eighth-grade students at our parish schools who will be attending a Catholic high school in the fall. This program is a great way to help the students of our parishes focus on how they can put their faith into action.

This year, we asked the students to reflect on this theme: “The importance of faith, academics, and service in my own daily life.” And the students did not disappoint. We had many outstanding entries that made deciding on a winner a real challenge. The experiences the students talked about in their essays were remarkable and the sentiments they expressed were moving.

Grand Knight Tony Morano was a guest at both schools' graduation ceremonies earlier this month to present a \$250 scholarship from our Council to Olivia and Gabrielle.

And we offer a special *thank-you* to Bob Lofreddo and Joe Marino for leading the essay contest program this year.

## **NJ JACKALS GAME OUTING—JULY 19**



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 19, 2012. The Jackals will host the Gary Southshore Railcats, with first pitch at 7:05 PM. It is Thirsty Thursday night at Yogi Berra Stadium, where 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](mailto:kofc3632@aol.com) and tell him how many tickets you want.

## **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, JULY 10, 2012**

This year's Installation of Officers Mass will be at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Cedar Grove, on Thursday, July 10. Offices should arrive by 7:00 PM in jacket and tie. Refreshments and light fare will be served following the Mass in the lower church.

## **ROSARY FOR LIFE – July 14 & August 11**

Witness the power of prayer! Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, July 14 & August 11, 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.

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

The O'Connor family did an outstanding job running this picnic. Jack Cavalere, Chairman, and Beryl O'Connor, once again out did themselves. The weather looked threatening but the rain held off. There was plenty of good food for the estimated 200 people who attended. The two clowns were busy entertaining and giving out gifts. Jake Thomas, his brother Jimmy, and Jimmy's son, Gunner, provided the music for dancing. Jack Cavalere made his usual guest appearance on stage, belting out two of his favorite tunes. Our Chaplain, Fr. Mac, Verona mayor and brother Knight Frank Sapienza, and Deputy Mayor Bob Manley, were in attendance. Everyone said they had a good time and would look forward to coming back next year.

## **QUARTERLY 50/50 FOR JULY**

Enclosed in this issue of the Knight Life you will find our July 50/50 tickets with return address envelope. Return the stubs with your check made out to K of C #3632. Tickets are \$5 each. The winners from our council in April's 50/50 were: Joe Shook, Mildred Teves, Stan Osinski, Helen Sciaraffa, PJ Hanly, Rev. John Gibbons, and Tony LoRusso. There were 12 brothers who did not send back their winning tickets in April.

This is our council's only fundraiser for ourselves. We do it four times a year. It helps the every day costs of running the council and some extra charities. So please buy or sell these 50/50 tickets to support our council activities and charities. Every little bit helps.

## **EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE Memorial Day Parade in Verona**

We had a nice turnout for this parade and a beautiful day. Our council marchers were led by our Chaplain, F. Mac, GK Tony Morano, DGK PJ Hanly, James Miserendino, Chuck Collins, Nansie Salls, Bill Spooner, Tony Ditri, Nick Centano, Pat Hanley, Paul Soderman, Dave & Lori Lyon, John & Judy Sommer, and Tim Murphy.

Our brother Knight, Verona Mayor Frank Sapienza gave a wonderful and inspiring speech. It was a great day to remember our service men and woman who gave their lives for our country.

## **Independence Day Parade in Montclair**

We will once again be joining the Montclair council for the 4th of July parade. They will supply post parade lunch and refreshments at Madonna Hall in Immaculate Conception Church in Montclair. We would like the Knights to have a big representation in the parade. Please call John Sommer at 973-857-1370 if you can possibly make it. He has to let Montclair council know how many are coming so they can make they proper food arrangements.

## **NJ STATE K OF C CONVENTION 2012**

The weather for the weekend was lovely. The temperature was in the 70's with a light breeze blowing. Our council was honored with two plaques. The first one was for collecting \$5300 for Alzheimers, which garnered us the distinction of #1 in the state. The second plague was for once again collecting over \$10,000 for the Special Citizens/Mentally Challenged Drive. There are 360 councils in NJ. Out of these, 215 councils collected \$683,004.77 Only twelve councils collected over \$10,000. We were #12. The highest amount collected by one council was \$20,000. Congratulations to our council.

The hospitality room was hosted by Fairfield council this year. They did a wonderful job and didn't run out of anything.

## **SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE**

Our council has reached the \$10K plateau 9 out of the last 10 years, for a total exceeding \$1000,000. This year's total was \$10,135. It is quite an accomplishment, considering our council's relatively small size, the economic climate, and especially since Kings of Verona and Shop Rite of West Orange will no longer let us collect in front of their stores. Great work by all who participated in collecting and/or donating.

## **WEST POINT FOOTBALL**

Anyone interested in seeing an Army football game at West Point this year, contact Larry Dillon @973-736-5684 ASAP.

## 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, Stephanie Herbert, Barbara Shea, Suzanne Flood, Mark, Gustafo & Eduardo Chiappara, Brenda Benvenuti (lung disease ), Bill Frazee, Christine Collins, Bruce Williams, Claire Tomeo, Nivaldo DelPino, Stella & Jerry Votta, Patti Roma, Baby Brooke, Carol Luders, Ron Blaha, John Stevenson, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, and Karen Reynolds.

- Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families.
- 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 June:**

James Miserendino  
Krzysztof Szczotka  
Bud MacFarlane  
Dave Lyon

Pat Hynes  
Dan Donovan  
Kevin Glenn  
Michael Collins

Gary Karpinski  
Wieslaw Strzadala  
Paul Soderman

## INSURANCE

One of my fellow field agents recently called on a Brother Knight who allowed his Knights of Columbus insurance policy to lapse by not paying his premiums. This field agent simply called to ask if he would please return the lapsed policy. Because the member considered the policy to be worthless now, he asked the agent why he wanted it back.

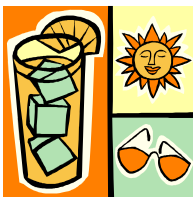
The field agent replied that when the member died, he wanted to avoid the unpleasant task of explaining to his widow and children that the policy was worthless. He wanted to avoid the excitement the widow would feel when she found out what she thought was a life insurance policy, only to become further depressed when she found it was useless and belonged in the wastebasket.

Fortunately, this story has a happy ending. The member in question was able to conserve this valuable protection for his loved ones by reinstating his insurance.

Call our Field Agent Craig Fuchs 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. Nick Centano's name was picked at the June 14 meeting, but he was not there. The pot is now over \$115 after the last meeting.



**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER**



## **Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty**

O God our Creator,  
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,  
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,  
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel  
to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us  
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.  
Give us the strength of mind and heart  
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;  
give us courage in making our voices heard  
on behalf of the rights of your Church  
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,  
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters  
gathered in your Church  
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,  
so that, with every trial withstood  
and every danger overcome—  
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,  
and all who come after us—  
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.