



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange December, 2013

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2ND & 4TH
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 12	Council Christmas Party @ St. Catherine of Siena
Dec. 13	Christmas Concert @ OLL
Dec. 14-15	Keep Christ In Christmas @ OLL & SCS
Dec. 14	Rosary For Life
Dec. 18	4th Degree Christmas Party @ Fairfield
Dec. 25	Blessed Christmas
Dec. 26	No meeting
Dec 28-29	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Jan. 1	Happy New Year
Jan. 4-5	Rose Sunday @ SCS
Jan. 9	Regular meeting @ OLL
Jan. 11	Rosary For Life
Jan. 22	March For Life bus trip to Washington DC
Jan. 23	Regular Meeting @ SCS

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rest. --Luke 2:14

With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! The herald angels sing Glory to the new born King!

Let us not forget the less fortunate at this Christmas time. Let us also remember when we greet someone to say Merry Christmas not Happy Holidays. On behalf of the officers of Father James J Kelly Council 3632 we would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one in all.

Vivat Jesus
Joe Cafarella, GK



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Advent can indeed be an adventure if you allow yourself to take advantage of these few weeks to prepare yourself for the coming of the Lord. But, did you know that we are actually preparing for 2 things during Advent? Most people know we are preparing for Christmas, however, this is only the later part of Advent, about the last week or two. The first three weeks of Advent are actually a time for us to prepare for the 2nd Coming of Christ as Judge of the living and the dead at the end of the world. The readings, from both the Old and New Testament at Mass, each day remind us of the coming of a Savior, with specific reference to the end of time. Only after December 17th will the readings begin to focus on the Nativity of Jesus, the Word made Flesh, the Light of the world coming into our darkness. This is symbolized by the Pink Candle on the 3rd Sunday of Advent; the light has penetrated the world and lightened the dark purple.

And so I ask you, are you preparing? Would you be ready if Jesus came today and called you by name? These are difficult questions. At first many might judge ourselves to be unworthy, calling to mind so many of our sins. Or we might we might at first not recall our sins but think of the charitable works we have done and believe ourselves worthy because of the good things we have done. But scripture reminds us Christ sees both the good and the bad we have done. He tells us, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." (Mk 1:15) Or in another place, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." (Mt 7:21)

As we make ready our homes for Christmas, I challenge you to take up the adventure of Advent. Consider attending daily Mass or at least meditating on the daily scriptures. You might find them online at <http://usccb.org/bible/>. Use them to prepare your heart, not only for the coming of the Baby Jesus at Christmas and His Light shining into your heart, but also that you may prepare yourself for His 2nd coming, that you might be deemed worthy to enter the Kingdom of heaven. Find yourself longing for reconciliation for the times you have not followed God's commands and bring yourself to the Sacrament where He shows His mercy and forgiveness. Allow yourself to be healed and strengthened to spread the Good News!

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God fill your lives and your homes with many blessings.

In His Peace,
Fr. Mac

QUARTERLY 50/50—CHRISTMAS STOCKING STUFFERS

Some brothers thought it would be a good idea to sell the 50/50s in time for Christmas. They would be fun stocking stuffers for children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, parents, wives, or co-workers. Take advantage as they are only \$5 each. Enclosed in this issue of the Knight Life are the January 50/50 tickets. Please fill them out early, and return them with your check made payable to Knights of Columbus #3632, in the return envelope.

The winners from our council for October were: Walter Drury, Tony Ditri, William Cannan III, Joe Shook 2X, Chuck Collins, John Sommer 2X, & Tony LoRusso. There were 9 brothers who did not send in their winning ticket.

If you would like to get some extra tickets for stocking stuffers, call Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684. He is waiting for your call. Brothers, this is our council's only fund raiser for ourselves. The proceeds help the every day expenses of running the council and helps the seminarians we support.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 12

We are once again having a council Christmas party for our members and their families on Thursday, December 12, the night of our regular meeting at **St. Catherine of Siena's**. (Please note we usually meet at OLL on this night)

Food, drink, and Christmas music will be supplied by the council. We ask those attending to bring a dessert and Christmas camaraderie. Contact GK Joe Cafarella @ 973-239-5246 or email gk3632@njkofc.org and tell him how many of your family is coming so we know how much food to order. Again, the Party is at St. Catherine's.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT—OLL

On Friday, December 13, the annual Christmas Concert will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Church at 7:30 PM. Come hear traditional and not so traditional Christmas music featuring the adult choir, soloists, and guest instrumentalists. The concert will also feature audience participation in singing favorite Christmas carols. Admission is free or a free will offering.

PAST GRAND KNIGHTS DINNER

Brothers, family, and friends gathered last month to pay tribute to Past Grand Knight PJ Hanly for his outstanding leadership during the 2012-2013 Columbian Year. The Council welcomed 40 guests to Esposito's Restaurant in Cedar Grove, on Nov. 15, including several members of PJ's family. (One of PJ's brothers-in-law recently made his First Degree, too!)

Chaplain Fr. Mac led the guests in a prayer of grace before the meal. Past Grand Knight Tony Morano took a few minutes to thank PJ for his service to the Council and highlight some of the great work accomplished under PJ's watch. District Deputy Chuck Collins, a Past Grand Knight of the Council himself, was on hand to pay several complements to PJ.

The Council presented PJ with a KofC windbreaker—great for those days PJ spends on the golf course—and his Past Grand Knight lapel pin and miniature jewel. A note of thanks to Brothers Tony Morano for putting together the event; Gary Wilezewski for his support with providing beverages; and John Sommer for helping with outreach to guests. A good time was had by all who came!

ELECTRONIC KNIGHT LIFE

Cha-Ching! That's the sound of the council's money being unnecessarily spent on postage and printing for the Knight Life when email is free. We want your email address. You can still share your email address with us before the next issue and help your council save money by sending it to kofc3632@aol.com. Save your council a stamp and one less envelope to stuff by sending us your email address and receive the Knight Life electronically.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – DECEMBER 14 & JANUARY 11

Where do you pray? This your last chance this year to help save lives through the power of prayer and the rosary at the Pilgrim Abortion Clinic in Montclair. Come anytime between 8:45 and 10:00 AM in front of the Social Security building on Bloomfield Ave., across from the clinic.

As of last month there were 4050 abortions performed this year at that facility with 139 "saves". That is more than Verona, Cedar Grove, and West Orange high schools combined of kids that "could have been", with about 4 or 5 classrooms of kids that "will be there".

Where do you pray and what do you pray for? Join us in a peaceful prayer, kids lives depend on it.

KNIGHTS OF IMMACULATA RETREAT

Unless you were Bud MacFarlane, Tony LoRusso, Larry Dillon, John Sommer, (or his son Tim) you missed an excellent retreat at St. Joseph in the Hills, Malvern, PA, on November 22-24. The Men's Retreat, with a record 265 retreatants, focused on St. Maximilian Kolbe, the prime founder of the Militia Immaculata (Crusade of Mary Immaculate). In addition to four conferences relative to St. Maximilian by an excellent Retreat Master and other retreat activities, there were three special presentations...one on the Icon of Our Lady of Czestechowa (the Black Madonna); one live performance by an acclaimed actor on "Maximilian Kolbe: Saint of Auschwitz" (prisoner #16679); and one on the transformational power of the Eucharist. What a retreat!

Make a New Year's resolution to attend next year's retreat, and keep it. You won't regret it.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 14 & 15

On December 14 & 15, we will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" lawn signs, car magnets, and buttons after all Masses at St. Catherine's and Our Lady of the Lake. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser benefit our Catholic schools of the two parishes.

We need people after every Mass to help sell these items. For St. Catherine's, call Tony Morano @ 973-571-7122. For Our Lady of the Lake, call John Sommer @ 973-857-1370.

K OF C DISASTER RELIEF FUND—PHILIPPINES

With Typhoon Haiyan striking the Philippines, the Supreme Council has approved \$250,000 for humanitarian relief. Individual Knights and councils were asked to make contributions through the order. This was brought to the floor at our last meeting on November 14. Brother Tony LoRusso made a personal donation of \$100. The council voted to double match that with \$200. The hat was passed and an additional \$125 was collected. The following night, at the PGK Dinner, the hat was passed again and another \$175 was collected. So the council ended up donating \$600! That's the wheels of charity in action, the K of C way.

Knights and their families throughout the Order are urged to remember in their prayers all the people affected by the massive storm. Anyone still wishing to donate, go to Supreme's website—kofc.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 22, 2014

Now is the time to make arrangements at work to take off Wednesday, January 22, 2014. Our Father James J. Kelly Council #3532 is again sponsoring with Montclair council #1277 a bus ride to the March For Life in Washington, DC. We have done this for many years and every year the amount of people who march increases. The bus leaves from the Church of the Immaculate Conception located at 30 Fullerton Ave., Montclair, after a special 7:00AM Mass. After Mass, a light breakfast is served downstairs in Madonna Hall. Food for lunch, supper along with beverage will be served on the bus. The cost is \$ \$25 for adults, \$5 for students. There is no charge for clergy and religious. For more information please contact Montclair's PGK John Marrin @ 973-932-0717 or john@marrin.us.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

At our November meeting, Ron Blaha III's name was called out, but he was not there to collect the \$37. We collect \$1 from each member at every meeting. We randomly draw a members name and if 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. The pot will start growing faster now as we are back to two meetings/month. That's if no one wins it first.

MEETINGS

There will be no meeting on the day after Christmas, December 26. Stay home, be with your family, and play with your new toys.



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, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Christine Maccia, Stephanie Herbert, Barbara Shea, Brenda Benvenuti (lung disease), Bill Frazee, Christine Collins, Claire Tomeo, Stella & Jerry Votta, Baby Brooke, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, a brother fighting addiction, Virginia Robertson, John Cadmus, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Cindy Breeze, Mary Ciccotti, Fr. Jack Martin, Fr. Tesfai, Judy Cecere, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, John Marrin, Dolores & Nick Serino, Vern K, Jane Chiappara, and Karen Reynolds.

Please let us now if you are well enough to be removed from the sick list.

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 for the Christians who are being massacred for their religious faith, and for the safety of all our military men and women. Special prayers for our Holy Father Emeritus , Pope Benedict XVI & Pope Francis.

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 December!

Vincent Manno	Walter Drury	Nicolas Centano	Tom Minichillo
Frederick Schroeder	Dominick Bertoldi	Joseph Carter	John Coyne, Jr.
Anthony Ditri	John Gieseaman	Joe Mortara	Michael Altomase
Jesus Christ			

ROSE SUNDAYS

This year we will be holding Rose Sunday weekends on December 28 & 29 at Our Lady of the Lake, and January 4 & 5 at St. Catherine of Siena,. The monies we raise will subsidize food for the bus trip (March For Life) to Washington DC, the March For Life, and Birthright of Essex County. When the date approaches, please help.

We will be taking donations of \$5 for the lapel rose along with signatures to send to our representatives in Washington, DC to show our support for Respect Life from conception to natural death. Volunteers are needed at St. Catherine's and OLL to cover all the Masses. Call John Sommer at 973-857-1370 and tell him which Mass you will be attending.

4TH DEGREE CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 18

The 4th Degree Christmas party is being hosted by Fairfield Council 6389 in their Knights room at St. Thomas More church, on Wednesday, December 18. Cost is \$30/person which includes full dinner & dessert, plus wine, beer, soda, water, and coffee.

INSURANCE

This Christmas give your family a gift they will cherish. It is a gift that shows you truly love your family. Life insurance. When you purchase life insurance it isn't just for yourself. It is for the entire family.

Life insurance does two things. The first thing is it provides you and your wife an income during your retirement years. It enables you to live and not worry about money. You may go and do what you want. The second thing it does is it protects your loved ones if you were to die prematurely. It gives your family financial protection so that they may survive in your absence. It can be nearly impossible for a family to live without life insurance when the breadwinner dies.

So be a real St. Nick and get life insurance today. Call you insurance agent, Brian Baird at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org, today for an appointment.

ALZHEIMER'S DRIVE

This was another good year for our Alzheimer's Drive. Our total's from the three stores (Foodtown of Cedar Grove, Jack's Foodtown of Caldwell, Shop Rite of Caldwell) was \$3794.71. In this year's appeal to our brother Knights, so far we have received \$2195 in the mail. This gives us a total of \$5989.71 for this year's drive.

We are sending a check for \$6000 to the NJ State Knights Of Columbus Alzheimer's Respite Fund. Thanks to all who gave their time to collect and to those who contributed.