



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange November, 2014

## GRAND KNIGHT

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## OUTSIDE

## GUARD

**JAMES**

## MISERENDINO

## CHAPLAIN

**FR. ROBERT**

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## MEETINGS

**2ND & 4TH**

**THURSDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 13	Regular Business Meeting @ OLL
Nov. 15	Fr. Joe's Pastoral Installation Mass @ OLL 5:30 PM
Nov. 16	Fr. Mike Hanley's Farewell Party
Nov. 21-23	Men's Weekend Retreat in Malvern, PA
Nov. 27	Happy Thanksgiving ( <b>no meeting</b> )
Nov. 29-30	Keep Christ In Christmas @ OLL
Dec. 6	Fair In The Square—Verona
Dec. 6-7	Keep Christ In Christmas @ SCS
Dec. 11	Council Christmas Party @ SCS
Dec. 13	Rosary For Life
Dec. 18	4th Degree Christmas Party @ Fairfield Council
Dec. 25	Blessed Christmas ( <b>no meeting</b> )
Dec. 27-28	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Jan. 1	Happy New Year
Jan. 3-4	Rose Sunday @ SCS
Jan. 8	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Jan. 10	Rosary For Life
Jan. 22	March For Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC
Feb. 6	Mid Winter Council Dinner Dance @ The Bethwood
May 14-17	NJ K of C State Convention in Wildwood
June 8	Golf Outing

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Autumn is moving by quickly as the holidays season fast approaches. Please read this issue of the Knight Life for dates and location changes for our meetings as both Thanksgiving and Christmas fall on meeting nights.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and on behalf of the officers of the council, may I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving. In these tough economic times, let's be thankful for the things that really matter, like the love of our family and friends, our health, and our faith.

And right around the corner is the joyous season of Advent - preparing for the coming of Jesus. As the advertisements start to crank up, let's try to look past the commercialism and consumerism. Our cry is "Keep Christ In Christmas". And our campaign begins the First Sunday of Advent (see inside this issue for details).

Vivat Jesus,  
Gary Wilczewski  
Grand Knight

## PASTOR'S CORNER



November is an incredible month. We celebrate as a people the spirit of Thanksgiving. We begin the month by remembering the Saints and the Souls of those who have gone before us and now sleep in the rest of peace. We pray both in thanksgiving for their lives and examples and to assist them with our prayers. Then we celebrate Veteran's Day and we give thanks for all the men and women who have given their life in service of our country. Our prayer of thanksgiving here is for those who have paid the ultimate price and for the families who mourn them. We also pray for those who have returned from service, because as one veteran of the invasion at Normandy recently told me, "No one comes out unharmed. You see things that change you." And we pray for all their families to as they worry and they struggle to rebuild their families when they return. And in just a few weeks we will also celebrate Thanksgiving Day, when we are thankful as a nation. Families will gather and celebrate Thanksgiving with meals and by spending time together in ways differently than normal. We are indeed truly blessed!

What does it mean to be extra-ordinarily thankful? We, as Catholics, are a "Thankful People." You may have also heard it put that we are a "Eucharistic People." The phrases are interchangeable because the meanings of the words are the same: Eucharist literally means Thanksgiving. I wonder do we really live out this call to be thankful on a daily basis? Today, while visiting the nursing home, I had a unique experience. As I spoke with an older gentleman, it occurred to me as we approach Veteran's Day, that he might have been part of that Greatest Generation and may have been a Veteran. So I asked him such, and this quiet older gentleman, who would barely open his eyes to see me, opened up. He became excited that someone would be interested in him or his story. He shared with me that he was not only a Vet but more specifically was there for the invasion of Normandy where in just a few short hours some 10,000 people lost their lives fighting to push back the German forces. Joe is thankful to be alive. And I couldn't be more thankful to have shaken his hand and heard his story.

This November, let us remember that we are a Eucharistic People. We are called to live in Thanksgiving for all that we have from a good and gracious God. Be thankful for the ups and downs in your life. Be thankful for the people who are in your life for a time, for a season, or for a reason. Ask people who they are and get their story, the connections just might surprise you. You will be thankful you did.

God Bless You All,  
Fr. Mac

## ALZHEIMER DRIVE

We collected at local food stores:

Jack's Foodtown in Caldwell (2 days)	\$1057.26
Nicholas Markets Foodtown in Cedar Grove (2 days)	\$1390.06
Shop Rite of West Caldwell (1 day)	<u>\$1116.63</u>
	\$3557.95

No figures are available yet for our mail campaign. The donations have been coming in slowly. If you haven't sent in your donation yet for this second big drive we do every year, please do so. Send checks made out to Knights of Columbus #3632. Put in memo Alzheimers Drive and mail it to John Sommer, 172 Forest Ave., Verona, NJ 07044. Our goal is \$6000.

Thanks to all who collected at the stores: Tony Morano, PJ Hanly 2X, Al Linkus 5X, Tim Murphy 5X, Larry Dillon 3X, Carlos Fernandez, John Sommer 2X, Pat Mullen, Dave Lyon 2X, Bob Rodgers, Bill Spooner 2X, Torrey Mathisen, A special thanks to those who collected more than once.

## WEST POINT/ARMY FOOTBALL OUTING



It was a miserable rainy overnight and early morning on October 11, 2014. Why would anyone choose to travel over an hour to go to a college football game on a day like that? Well 28 Knights and their family and friends did and none were sorry. Check that out with Chuck Collins, Joe Cafarella, Bill Spooner, Pat Mullen, or Larry Dillon or their friends (especially if they tried Chuck's Texas chili). Not only did the rain stop and the sun come out for kickoff, but also our usual great tailgate site was bone dry for the rest of the day. There is nothing like a fall football day at West Point with its location, tradition, and camaraderie. (Only 1 or 2 problems.....not enough Knights on hand to enjoy the outing and.....Rice

41, Army 21).

P.S Don't miss out next year.

## MEETINGS

Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas falling on our social meeting nights (4th Thursday), there will be only one meeting in November (11/13) and one meeting in December (12/11). The December 11 meeting will be our council Christmas party and will be at **St. Catherine of Siena**, not OLL as would normally be the case.

## **MID-WINTER DINNER DANCE**

Mark your calendar for Friday, February 6, 2015, for our annual dinner dance. It will be held at The Bethwood in Totowa. The theme and price are yet to be determined, but rest assured it will be a fun night as it has in the past. Local musical group, Pet In The Middle, will provide the entertainment and dance music.

## **ROSARY FOR LIFE – DECEMBER 13**

I was hungry and you gave me food  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me

I was about to be aborted and you prayed for me and my mom

Thank you Knights! May we meet some day in the Kingdom prepared for us.

Come and join our 2nd Saturday of the month rosary group across from the pilgrim Medical Center on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, anytime between 8:45 an 10:00 AM.

## **NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE - OCTOBER 25-26**

We sold 187 car raffle tickets for a total of \$1870. New Jersey Right To Life, the state's oldest and largest pro life organization, thanks all who purchased and sold tickets for their only big fund raiser. Those who helped sell tickets were: Madge Rodgers, Tony Ditri, Joe Cubero, Charles Dimick, Eric Watkins, PJ Hanly, Michael Barone, John Sommer, Ralph Powell, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Hanley, Torrey Mathisen, Jessica Moses, Bob Roma, Chuck Collins, Nansie Salls, and the Lyon Family.

## **REV. MICHAEL A. HANLY RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**

Father Mike's retirement celebration will be held on Sunday, November 16, 5 PM, at the Villa at Mountain Lakes. It is a sit down dinner and cash bar. The cost is \$75/person. Please send a check made out to cash to 17 West Lincoln St., Verona, NJ by November 2nd.

## **REV. JOSEPH D'AMICO INSTALLATION AS OLL PASTOR**

Our new pastor at OLL and brother Knight, Rev. Joseph D'Amico, is being installed as pastor on Saturday, November 15, at the 5:30 Mass by bishop Thomas Donato. Let us have a great showing of support for this event and this priest by having as many members of our council in attendance. Please wear a jacket and tie, as you are a Catholic gentleman representing the Knights of Columbus, and wear your lapel pin or any officer badge. Arrive early so we can all sit together, as a sign of UNITY. The 4th Degree color guard will be there in full regalia. A reception will follow.

## **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

November 29 & 30 at Our Lady of the Lake, and December 6 & 7 at St. Catherine of Siena, we will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" lawn signs, car magnets, and buttons after all Masses. This year we have added Christmas cards. 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 Pat Mullen @ 973-571-0056. For Our Lady of the Lake, call John Sommer @ 973-857-1370.

## **VERONA FAIR IN THE SQUARE—DECEMBER 6**

Once again, our council will have a table at the Fair In the Square at the Verona Civic Center, 600 Bloomfield Ave., on Saturday, December 6, from 12-4:30. We use this venue to sell our "Keep Christ In Christmas" items and promote our council. Volunteers are needed to man the table for an hour or two. Call Pat Mullen (973-571-0056) to volunteer.

## **GOLF OUTING PROCEEDS TO YOUTH GROUPS**

Our council presented two \$3500 checks to the Youth groups of Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena, on Youth Sunday, October 19, 2014. OLL received their check at their pancake breakfast. SCS received their check at their Sunday evening meeting. The monies we donated were generated from our Annual Golf Outing held in June.

## **COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 11**

We are once again having a council Christmas party for our members and their families on Thursday, December 11, the night of our regular meeting at **St. Catherine of Siena's**. (Please note we usually meet at OLL on this night)

The purpose is to put away our commercialized seasonal stresses and join our brother Knights and families in celebrating the true reason for the season. Food, drink, and Christmas music will be supplied by the council. We ask those attending to bring a dessert and Christmas camaraderie. Contact GK Gary Wilczewski @ 973-432-0923 or email gk3632@njkofc.org and tell him how many of your family are coming so we know how much food to order. Again, the party is at St. Catherine's.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

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



Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, the Rembert Family, Elaine Shaffer, Christine Maccia, Stephanie & Joseph Herbert, Barbara Shea, Bill Frazee, Christine Collins, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Ferguson, a brother fighting addiction, Virginia Robertson, John Cadmus, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Mary Ciccotti, Fr. Jack Martin, Judy Cecere, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Jean & Nick Munning, Joseph Donohue, Jim McEvoy, Fred Mahn, the Robinson family, Jack Wilson, Kate W., Fr. Daniel Vitz, Claire Smith, Cindy Koppenhaver, and Fr. John Gibbons.

Please let us know 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, especially Eileen Frey.

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 November!

Michael Barone  
Thomas Basil  
Normand R. Roy

Larry Dillon  
Christopher Gartner

Dan Fitzpatrick  
Stan Osinski

## INSURANCE

### **“..Rendering Pecuniary Aid”**

The month of November in the Knights of Columbus is traditionally the time during which we remember our deceased Brother Knights - those who have gone to their eternal reward.

Our thoughts also turn, naturally, to those who our Brother Knights have left behind, their widows and children. These are the same people, though of a different generation, who occupied Father McGivney's thoughts in 1882 when he founded the Order.

The first two reasons listed on our charter for the establishment of the Knights of Columbus are: “rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members” and “rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled, and needy members and their families”.

My position as a field agent for the Order has evolved from those principles. I am here to help you plan financial security - both for yourself and for those you may leave behind. I am not here to sell you insurance because you might die and be part of our remembrances next November. I am here to sell you insurance because someone else might live... and think you love that someone and would like her to continue to live with dignity.

It's not a pretty thought, but picture the first November your loved ones will spend without you. How does it look? Call me, Brian Baird at 201-707-6477 or [brian.baird@kofc.org](mailto:brian.baird@kofc.org), today for an appointment. I want to hear from you

## MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Knights of Immaculata (all K of C members) are invited to Men's Weekend Retreat. On November 21-23. Starts Friday at 6 PM and runs to noon Sunday at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA. This retreat is to help you be the best husband and father you can be. The suggested offering is \$235, 50% off for first time retreatants. Call Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684. The guest speaker is Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.

## 4TH DEGREE CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER18

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