
THE KNIGHT LIFE

Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange March, 2015

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 12	Council St. Patrick's Celebration @ SCS
Mar. 14	Rosary For Life
	Catholic Men's Conference—Seton Hall University
	Danny O'Callaghan Dinner Dance
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 20	First day of Spring
Mar. 26	Social Meeting @ SCS
April 3	Good Friday
April 5	Happy Easter
April 9	Regular Meeting @ OLL
April 11	Rosary for Life
April 11-12	Special Citizens Drive—Foodtown in Cedar Grove
April 17-19	Special Citizens Drive—Jack's Foodtown in Caldwell
April 23	Social Meeting @ SCS
May 5	Pride in Priests Dinner
May 7	Regular Meeting @ OLL
May 9	Rosary For Life
	Special Citizens Drive—ShopRite in W. Caldwell
May 14-17	NJ K of C State Convention in Wildwood
June 8	Golf Outing

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Ah March. St. Patrick's Day, the frenzy of college basketball, the promise of spring training baseball, crazy weather, and the month of my birth. It is also a full month of Lenten obligations on our part. How are you all doing with that?

I don't know about you, but I've just about had enough of this foul weather. Now, I know what they mean by "hope springs eternal." Let's hope April is dry and warm. Because if you look above under Upcoming Events, you will see lots of dates and venues for the Special Citizens Drive. So, volunteer and put on those yellow aprons.



Vivat Jesus,
Gary Wilczewski
Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Recently I was reading how Pope Francis said, "I distrust charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." As I contemplated this phrase I tried to consider how is Pope Francis challenging you and me to go deeper in our Lenten sacrifices and charitable actions. At first I began to consider that Pope Francis was looking to make people suffer. That he simply couldn't believe we were doing charity if we were happy at the same time. But then as I contemplated his entire message and really took it to heart I began to consider what Jesus meant when he said we are called to be "poor in spirit." And again when Jesus explained that the rich man went away weeping because he had many possessions. In both of these examples, Jesus is really calling us to the kind of charity that has a cost and in fact causes us to hurt. It is in the life of Jesus that we recognize St. Paul's teaching that Jesus became poor so that we might become rich. (2 Cor 8:9)

I am supposed to become rich by sacrificing? How can both be right? How can I give till it hurts and yet be rich? This is the pinnacle moment of realization in the life of the Christian disciple. All that I have comes from God. The moment I think I can do anything or have anything because of my own actions, I have already sinned. But when we are poor enough in spirit to recognize the gifts God has given us, all of the sudden we realize even what we have is worthless if it isn't Christ-centered and Christ-filled.

Lent is a season, 40 days, when we are called to give up something so we can realize we can live without it. We fast even from meat and from other things during this time so that we can realize how we are supposed to totally rely on God for everything. If it doesn't lead us to God it is worthless. If we withhold it from helping others find God then it has been wasted.

Imagine, you are walking down the road to get lunch. As you are going to the deli, you see a beggar on the side of the road. You know you are about to get lunch and think I will give him the change after I get my sandwich. This is kind and charitable. However, imagine how much greater that beggar will feel if instead you exit the deli and give him the lunch you ordered for yourself, while you go away hungry. This is the kind of charity that cuts at our desires. For most of us our needs are met and we continually work to satisfy our wants. For some their needs are not met and they cannot consider their wants. But if you have ever had the opportunity to offer someone a basic need, you know how grateful they are and how tremendously powerful you will feel. To go away hungry for one meal is to truly recognize how great such a small action can be.

So yes, this Lent, let us consider our charity. Does it cost us and even make us hurt? Or are we only pushing the crumbs off the table? Let us become poor in spirit so that we might make others rich in Christ. If we wish to find the joy of Easter, we must know the pain of the cross. I pray you all have a tremendous Lent, that you may truly know God's love for each of you.

May God Bless You All,
Fr. Mac

QUARTERLY 50/50

Enclosed with this issue of the Knight Life, you will find tickets for the April 50/50 with a return envelope. They are \$5 each. Fill out and send back the stubs with your check made out to K of C #3632. Our council winners for January were: Stan Osinski, Bud MacFarlane, Joseph Shook, Dave Lyon, and Claire Smith. Congratulations! There were five winning tickets sent out to our brother Knights who did not return their stubs. This is our council's only fundraiser to support our activities and charities. Please participate in this raffle. You never know, you may win. Are there any brothers who can sell more 50/50's? They are a relatively easy sell.

If you would like more tickets, call PGK Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684

COUNCIL ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION—MARCH 12



Our regular Thursday, March 12 meeting at OLL has been moved to St. Catherine of Siena so we can have our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Following a short business meeting, the Irish will break out in all of us with Irish fare of a corned beef dinner, libations, and Irish music. So wear green and come to the March 12 meeting at St. Catherine of Siena, eat some Irish food, drink some Irish drink, sing some Irish songs, tell some Irish jokes. Just don't show up at OLL like someone does every year.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

Did you know that our council collects in excess of \$10,000 annually for this drive? Placing us in the top 15 councils in the state? That is because of your volunteerism and our goal is to do it again!

The dates are set. Expect a call from committee members to volunteer some time. Dates for our drive are as follows:

April 11 & 12	Foodtown—Cedar Grove
April 17, 18, 19	Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell
May 9	Shop Rite—West Orange
St. Catherine's & OLL	TBA

Do your duty and volunteer when the time comes. These citizens and the facilities desperately need our help with decreasing government funding.



VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Our Valentine's Day dinner dance was held on Friday, February 6, 2015 at The Bethwood in Totowa. The night's fare included a four course dinner, wine, beer, and soda, live music provided by local favorite *Pet In The Middle*. About 60 people attended the event. Thanks to Dave and Lori Lyon for all their hard work in putting on this wonderful party.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – February 14 & March 14

In the beginning, God created the universe—Genesis 1:1

From the very beginning, God made all things. John 1:2-3

In my very beginning, I was aborted in Montclair. I could have been a Knight!

Come and save our future brothers and other holy innocents across from the Pilgrim Medical Center on Bloomfield Ave. any time between 8:45 and 10:00 AM on the second Saturday of every month.

MARCH FOR LIFE—JANUARY 22, 2015

We had small turnout for the bus trip. There were a total of 34 (6 no shows) on the bus, including 3 priests, one happened to be our Chaplain, Fr. Mac. They all said it was a great trip. The weather was fine. But the greatest of all were all the young people standing up for the pro-life movement. You really didn't hear much about the march from the media, but we expected as much. The estimated crowd was 3-4 hundred thousand.

Montclair Council paid for the bus. Our council paid for the food, \$685 from funds collected from our lapel rose sale. Next year the march will be on Friday, January 22, 2016. Make plans now. It is quite an experience.

DANNY O'CALLAGHAN DINNER DANCE— MARCH 14

The annual Danny O'Callaghan Dinner Dance to support the OLL Youth Ministry Program will be held on Saturday, March 14. Tickets are \$40 each. This includes dinner, beer, and entertainment. Gather family and friends and reserve a table. Money can be dropped in the mail slot of the Youth Ministry Office (formerly the convent) at any time.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE—MARCH 14

On Saturday, March 14 at Seton Hall University, the Newark Archdiocese Men's Commission will have their annual Catholic Men's Conference. This year's theme is "*Be Not Afraid: He is With Us!*" Speakers will be **Thomas Peterson, Tim Staples and Damon Owens**. The day begins with registration at 8:30 AM and ends at 4:00 PM. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch, Holy hour, adoration chapel, confessions, and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Coadjutor Bernard A. Hebda and all clergy.

Registration is \$25 for adults, \$15 for college students, \$20 for senior citizens. For registration please visit the website www.rcanmenscommission.org, or call 973-497-4545.

PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER

It is time once again to plan for our 10th annual Newark Archdiocesan *Pride In Our Priests* dinner. Let us continue the fine tradition of honoring our bishops and priests for their selfless dedication to our spiritual needs and for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Church community. Please be aware that the dinner has been relocated to a new site in order to more easily accommodate the ever-increasing attendance! More details to come.

DATE : Tuesday, May 5, 2015

PLACE : *The Terrace, 293 Paramus Rd., Paramus, NJ*

TIME : 6:30PM

COST : \$48 Per Person

NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Wildwood NJ—May 14-17, 2015

Anyone interested in attending the NJ K of C State Convention next spring in Wildwood, contact Jim Kiernan @ 973-759-5196. We will be staying at the Port Royal Hotel. Reservation deposit is \$90 (\$70 for room, \$20 for hospitality room). You must reserve for three nights (Thur, Fri, & Sat). Plan on having a mini-vacation in the beautiful month of May. The Port Royal Hotel is on the beach in Wildwood Crest.

GOLF OUTING - JUNE 8, 2015

The date has been set for our council's sixth annual golf outing. So mark the date, Monday, June 8. Tell your boss NOW that you won't be in that day. If you are your own boss, tell your employees you won't be in that day. If you are a stay-at-home dad, tell your wife you are taking the day off. Start getting your foursome together.

This year the event will once again be held at **Glen Ridge Country Club** in Glen Ridge, NJ. Remember this fundraiser benefits the youth groups at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena.

GOOD OF THE ORDER



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

Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, Elaine Shaffer, Christine Maccia, Stephanie & Joseph Herbert, Barbara Shea, Bill Frazee, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, a brother fighting addiction, Virginia Robertson, John Cadmus, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Mary Ciccotti, Judy Cecere, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Jean Munning, Joseph Donohue, Jim McEvoy, Fred Mahn, the Robinson family, Jack Wilson, Kate W., Fr. Daniel Vitz, Claire Smith, Cindy Koppenhaver, Ray Broek, Catherine Maccia, Christine Tomitz, Joan Brown Thomas K age 7, Nancy Shea, Frank Testa, 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 Nick Munning and Mary Gannon.

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 March

Peter Fryer	John Sommer, PGK	Al Maccia	Fr. John Gibbons
Fr. Jerome Arthasseril	Andrew Burger	Fred Mahn	Clay Rice
Eric Watkins	Robert Phillips	Fr. Bryan Page	Michael Birmingham
Charles Maccia	Gary Wilczewski	Michael Pescatore	Pat Mullen
Genaro Salierno	Stanley Gagner	Johnny Johnson	

And for those we missed in February

Donald Vincent	Kevin Brown, PGK	Mark Rodgers	Gregory Mau
Benjamin Maniscaleo	Ricardo Flattes		

INSURANCE

Wouldn't it be great to be able to retire and not worry about money? You don't have to die to benefit from life insurance. You can use it as a retirement fund for you and your wife.

It isn't luck that will help you survive in your retirement years. It is good, intelligent use of your money. Life insurance is one of the ways you can be sure to enjoy your golden years. Life insurance enables you to look forward to retirement instead of fear it.

Call me, Brian Baird, your council field agent, at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org today. I want to hear from you.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The Attendance Raffle pot started back on #0 again after January's winner, Joe Cafarella cleaned it out. As luck would have, Dan Fitzpatrick's name was pulled for the \$14 prize, and he wasn't there. Dan usually comes to meetings but this is the second time he opted to stay home and then his name gets picked. You got to be here to win. Each meeting we collect a dollar from each member present then draw a name out of a bag containing all the council members.. If we pick your name and you are there, you win the pot. If the picked name is not present the money rolls over until the next meeting. And so the pot grows.

Nicholas Munning 1923-2015

PGK Nick Munning passed away on February 23, 2015, in Glen Ridge, NJ. Nick was born in Matawan, NJ, on July 30, 1923. He was a bombardier on B-17s during World War II, flying 35 missions over Germany. Nick graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University and worked as a glazier for Local 34. He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Lake Church, participating in many of its ministries. Nick joined the Knights of Columbus, making his 1st Degree on December 1, 1984. He served two stints as Grand Knight for our council in 1990-91 and 1994-95. Nick was a big Notre Dame and Yankee fan, and was always good for a corny joke. He will be fondly missed by his brother Knights who knew him. Rest in peace, brother.