



THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

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2ND & 4TH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5	Pride in Priests Dinner
May 7	Regular Meeting @ OLL (Date change, see article inside)
May 9	Rosary For Life
	Special Citizens Drive—ShopRite in W. Caldwell
May 10	Happy Mothers Day
May 14-17	NJ K of C State Convention in Wildwood
May 21	Social Meeting @ SCS (Date change, see article inside)
May 25	Memorial Day Parade
May 28-31	St. Catherine's Carnival
June 8	Golf Outing
June 11	Regular Meeting @ OLL
June 13	Rosary For Life
June 14	Flag Day
June 21	Fathers Day
June 25	Social Meeting @ SCS—Election of officers
July 4	Independence Parade in Montclair
July 11	Rosary For Life

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

Did you make your personal contribution to the Special Citizen's/Mentally Handicapped Drive yet? If not, please do so. We are so close to our goal of \$10,000, which we have achieved for the past fifteen years except 2006. Did you know we are one of only a handful of councils in the State of NJ to achieve that lofty goal?

There are several more events before the summer comes. One is the Special Citizens Picnic. If you have never gone to it before, you should. Then you will see why we stand in front of supermarkets collecting money. Memorial Day means a parade. Come march with your council and let everyone in town know you are a Knight. It's a warm up for the longer Independence Day parade in Montclair on July 4. Volunteer to work our booth at St. Catherine's Carnival. Another is our Golf Outing for the youth groups. Get a foursome or sponsor a hole. If you have a kid or grandkid in those youth groups, you shouldn't even think twice about it. In July we will have our friends and family outing at a NJ Jackals baseball game. Get involved. It's what we do best.

And Don't forget Mothers Day!

Vivat Jesus,
Gary Wilczewski
Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Happy Easter! As we continue to celebrate this joyous time, I pray that you and your families are continuing to experience the joy that Christ brings in our Easter Faith. Having this Easter Faith, means living, like the disciples in the early days of the Church which, we have been hearing about in the daily Mass readings as found in the Acts of the Apostles and maybe watching in the NBC series, **AD**.

I have enjoyed particularly the **AD** series so far because I believe it gives life to what may sometimes seem like a sterile reading. It helps us to see the angst with which the disciples were living in great fear and yet the courage they had in trying to share the Good News! In the scriptures, I am particularly fond of the way the early celebrations of the Mass and Sabbath are reflected as long pronounced times of reflecting on the Word of God and sharing in fellowship with family and friends.

With all of this in mind, I think it becomes ever more important to reflect on how we spend our Sabbaths, that is Sunday, and how we live the Gospel in the world today. It is good for each of us from time to time to consider these things and to make sure that we are on the path that God has called us. Near the end of Lent I reflected how even Satan was once on God's path and then as he continued to move forward thinking he was still on that path, he failed to look back at how far he had veered away from the Cornerstone. It wasn't until he was so far away, even thinking then that he knew better than God, that he found himself in the place we now call hell.

God has given us all that we have. Giving thanks for all of it and continuing to ask for strength is only part of why we go to Mass on Sunday. We must regain a sense of Sabbath for our Sunday. We must see that single day each week as a time to reflect on God and His Word, that we may continue to evaluate where we are on His path as we deepen our relationship with Him. And in sharing time with family and friends, may we may find strength for each other in the challenges we meet and overcome with God's divine assistance. May all that we do always begin with God's prompting, be guided by His care, and with Him be happily ended.

God Bless You All,
Fr. Mac

MEETING NIGHT CHANGES

Meetings in May have both been moved up a week due the NJ State K of C Convention and St. Catherine of Siena carnival. That means we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, for May only: May 7 & May 21 at the usual venues.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

We are still in the process of collecting. Remaining dates for our drive are as follows:

May 2-3	St. Catherine of Siena
May 9	Shop Rite—West Orange
May 23-24	Our Lady of the Lake

Brothers, we were all contacted to make a donation to this worthy cause. The response has been slow. So if you can afford to give, please do it soon. Send your check made out to: Knights of Columbus #3632, 172 Forest Ave., Verona, NJ 07044

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers for the 2015-2016 Columbian year will be held at the second meeting in June. We are asking brothers to step up to the plate and volunteer your time and leadership for some of the positions in the coming year. With the lack of new members coming in, now more than ever, we need your commitment to be an officer. The council does not run by itself. If you have been an officer before, you can be an officer again. Unfortunately, until we get some new blood in the council, this is the way it is going to be. Last year, Gary Wilczewski boldly stood up and volunteered to be Grand Knight and has done a good job. Who will be so bold this year?

Elected positions are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Inside Guard, Outside Guard. Contact Chuck Collins, PGK, DD, @ 973-809-5580

WELCOME

Our council welcomes two new members. Bob Criscuolo, a 3rd degree member transferred from Ridgefield Park Council. And Roger Ellert from St. Catherine's Parish. Roger made his 1st & 2nd Degrees in Livingston, conferred by our council's degree teams, and made his 3rd Degree in Fairfield on April 24. Welcome aboard Bob and Roger!

GOLF OUTING - JUNE 8, 2015



The date is drawing near for the event of the year: 18 holes of golf, a hole in one challenge for \$25,000, a putting contest, followed by an open bar, lunch and fantastic raffle prizes, all at nearby Glen Ridge Country Club. And it is all for charity—our parish youth groups.

But time is truly running short as it is only a few weeks away. Greens fees, golf cart, lunch, and 2 hour open bar for \$175 is a sweet deal. If you can't play, a great way to help out is sponsor a hole for \$100. A sign that will display your name, message, or business will be prominently placed on a tee box. But we have to get those signs printed soon.

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 8! With your help we'll keep the Golf Outing going and growing. For more information about how you can get involved, contact Dan Fitzpatrick @ 973-857-3115 or email kofc3632@aol.com.

Remember this fundraiser benefits the youth groups at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena, as well as seminarians and other council charities. In the first six years of the outing we have raised \$32,000 for these groups. Help us raise the bar even higher by participating this year.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – May 9 & June 13

Eleven years ago, a few fellow Knights from our council joined up with a few members of the Rosary Support Group of Roseland, and began a monthly rosary to try to help save unborn baby's lives. By peacefully praying the rosary across the street from the abortuary on Bloomfield Ave, in Montclair (Pilgrim Medical Center), we hope to change mothers minds on having their planned abortions. Over the years we have been joined at times by other concerned individuals and small groups, young and old. With this visible and prayerful support, many mothers have changed their minds over these past ten years.

However, 40 Days For Life reported that their were 9 babies spared but 695 babies were killed at the Montclair facility during the 40 day period this past lent. Please come and pray the rosary with us. The rosary is our most powerful tool to stop this atrocity. We meet the 2nd Saturday of every month.

NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Wildwood NJ—May 14-17, 2015

It's not too late to make reservations for this wonderful long weekend at the Jersey Shore. 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.

JERRY O'CONNOR MEMORIAL

K OF C SPECIAL CITIZENS PICNIC

All Knights and their families are invited to this special picnic. It will be held on Saturday, June 13, 12 noon to 4 PM at Cedar Grove's Community Park on Little Falls Rd. Beryl O'Connor and her family took this picnic to heart and have raised the funds to finance this special event. They will be the hosts. This was Jerry's special project and his family took it over after his death.

It is a special day for these special citizens. Bring your family, lawn chair, and enjoy this great day of food, music, fun and friends. If you have never been to this annual event, you should really make an effort to see your council do its best work.

VERONA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Our Council proudly accepted the invitation to march in Verona's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 25. This is something we really should do to show our respect for all those who died to keep us free.

The parade starts at 10 AM @ Everett Field. Give John Sommer a call at 973-857-1370 if you plan on marching. We want to arrange car pools. Meet at OLL parking lot after 9 AM Mass.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CARNIVAL

St. Catherine's is holding its annual carnival starting Thursday, May 28 to Sunday, May 31. Our council has volunteered to help run a gaming booth from 6 to 10 PM (4-8 on Sunday). It's a lot of fun and helps raise money for St. Catherine's school. Our council also sponsors the booth. Please sign up for one of these dates. You can do a 4 hour shift or a 2 hour shift. Please contact Pat Mullen @ 973-571-0056

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 Ferguson, 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, Fred Mahn, the Robinson family, Jack Wilson, Kate W., Fr. Daniel Vitz, Claire Smith, Cindy Koppenhaver, Ray Broek, Catherine Maccia, Joan Brown Thomas K age 7, Nancy Shea, Frank Testa, Angelo Berardi, Al Linkus, Jerry Hrycychyn, and Jack Cavallere.

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.

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 May

Fr. Tesfamariam Baraki

Joseph Cafarella

Al Linkus

Emil Jarco

James McEvoy

Chuck Pritchard

Mathew Ripoli

Joeseph Cubero

INSURANCE

Nobody knows how long they are going to live. That is why it is essential to buy life insurance. With Life insurance you can live forever in the eyes of your family.

Right now you have questions: How will they survive without me? What would they do if I were no longer here for them? How would they live? With life insurance all these questions are answered.

There is no need to spend your living years worrying about how your family will cope without you. Let life insurance take the worry out of life so that you can enjoy it.

Call me Brian Baird, your council field agent, at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org today for an appointment.

ELECTRONIC KNIGHT LIFE

Started your spring cleaning yet? Throw out all those old Knight Lifes from the past year that were piling up. All that paper. Think of that poor tree. Well you can do something about it by receiving your Knight Life electronically. We will email it to you. But we need your email address. You can send it to kofc3632@aol.com. All publications are sent out as blind copies so nobody sees your email address. And we assure you we won't share it with anyone else. Save your council a stamp and one less envelope to stuff (and one less tree to chop down) by sending us your email address and receive the Knight Life electronically.

OUR TWO SEMINARIANS BEING ORDAINED TO HOLY ORDERS

Congratulations to the two Seminarians our council supports, Thomas Quinn and Antonio Sorento. They will be ordained to Holy Orders on Sunday, May 24 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart by Archbishop John Meyers.

