



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange November, 2016

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 14	4th Degree Assembly Meeting-Fairfield
Nov. 18-20	Men's Annual Retreat—Malvern, PA
Nov. 24	Happy Thanksgiving (no meeting)
Nov. 26	Dedication of Outdoor Nativity Scene @ OLL
Dec. 3	Fair In The Square—Verona
Dec. 3-4	Keep Christ In Christmas Sale @ SCS
Dec. 8	Business Meeting @ OLL
Dec. 10	Rosary For Life
Dec. 10-11	Keep Christ In Christmas Sale @ OLL
Dec. 11	Christmas Concert @ OLL 4 PM
Dec. 15	Council Christmas Party @ SCS
Dec. 17-18	Rose Sunday @ SCS
Dec. 25	Blessed Christmas
Jan. 1	Happy New Year
Jan. 13	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Jan. 14	Rosary For Life
Jan. 14-15	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Jan. 23	March For Life Rally in Trenton
Jan. 26	Social Meeting @ SCS
Jan. 27	March For Life Bus Trip To Wash. DC

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

As you can see from the Upcoming Events listed above, there is a lot going on in the next couple of months. I would hope you will to be active in most of them. Particularly for the dedication of the outdoor Nativity scene at Our Lady of the Lake, which our council donated. Let's have a strong showing that night at the 5:30 Mass on the 1st week of Advent, to show our solidarity and unity of purpose.

On behalf of myself and my fellow officers, have a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank God for all the blessings he has given us.

Vivat Jesus,
Bob Rodgers, GK

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

As we enter into the holiday season please know how grateful I am for the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. During my two years of ministry here as pastor of Our Lady of Lake and chaplain to our great council, I have been richly and greatly blessed by knowing and working with such awesome people. Since our holiday season kick off begins with Thanksgiving, I want you to know that I thank God for you. I thank God for your families, your love of the church and your constant service, presence and dedication. You are one of the pillars I can always count on in times of need. Your ministry at Our Lady of the lake and St. Catherine's is so much appreciated, saves souls and enriches our church greatly.

I want to personally thank our council for funding an outdoor nativity set for OLL which will be present and appreciated by so many on Lakeside Ave. What better way to "Keep Christ in Christmas" than to see and appreciate his humble yet glorious birth in art! Thank you dear brother Knights for this precious gift and know that the people of OLL will always remember you every year as we set it up and appreciate it's beauty. This new set will be blessed and dedicated after the 5:30 mass on November 26th, the first weekend of Advent. Your assistance will make a huge difference in the building up of the kingdom of God in our midst.

I've often heard that if the only prayer we say is "thank you" we've said a lot! As we approach Thanksgiving let's be grateful for the many obvious and hidden blessings that God gives us every day. Let's thank God for each other and never cease to be in wonder and awe of the great things God does for us. Happy Thanksgiving.

Peace, blessings and fraternal regards,
Rev. Joseph A. D'Amico

MEETINGS

Due to Thanksgiving falling on our social meeting night (4th Thursday), there will be only one meeting in November (11/10). There will be only one meeting in December (Dec. 8) and no December 22 meeting. Instead, we will be having our annual council Christmas party at St. Catherine of Siena, on December 15. See the article for details.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 15

We are once again having a council Christmas party for our members and their families on Thursday, December 15, 7:30 PM, the week before our regularly scheduled meeting at St. Catherine of Siena's (see article on meetings). 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. This year, we are asking for a \$10/person donation, to help defray the costs. A hot buffet will be catered by Esposito's of Cedar Grove, and beer, wine soda will be served, while festive seasonal music fills the air. We ask those attending to bring a dessert and Christmas cheer. RSVP to Chuck Collins @ 973-809-5580 and tell him how many of your family are coming so we know how much food to order. You can pay at the door

OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE

Our council has made a significant donation in purchasing an outdoor Nativity scene for Our Lady of the Lake Church, as part of our "Keep Christ In Christmas" program. Dedication and blessing of the display will take place on Saturday, November 26, following the 5:30 Mass. This is the first week of Advent. The Nativity scene will be displayed on the lawn in front of the new Pastoral Center, facing Lakeside Ave. The stable for the display was built by brother Torre Mathesin and Pat Hines, with help from the youth ministry.

The 4th Degree Color Guard will be there, and hopefully many brother Knights from our council will be too. It's important for people of the parish to know how Charity, Unity, and Fraternity of the Knights of Columbus gets things done, and supports the domestic church.

ROSE SUNDAYS

This year we will be holding Rose Sunday weekends on December 17 & 18 at St. Catherine of Siena, and January 14 & 15 at Our Lady of the Lake. The monies we raise will subsidize food for the bus trip (March For Life) to Washington DC, the March For Life, and Good Counsel. 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.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – DECEMBER 10

PAIN-PAIN-PAIN.....Did you know that babies in the womb can feel pain 20 weeks after conception? Should we in NJ allow abortions after 20 weeks? How about coming out to pray the rosary across from the Pilgrim Center abortuary on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair on the December 10, 8:45-10:00 AM, for all babies in the womb and their mothers!

ALZHEIMER DRIVE

Our collections at local stores were:

Foodtown—Cedar Grove 2 days	\$1505
Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell 2 days	960
Shop Rite—West Caldwell 1 day	1178
Change collected from the 3 stores	<u>264.69</u>
TOTAL	\$3907.69

Thanks to all who collected: Don Trader, Tim Murphy 5X, Pat Mullen, Larry Dillon 4X, Gene McCarthy 2X, Tony Morano, Dave Lyon, Carlos Fernandez 2X, Bill Spooner 4X, PJ Hanly, Joe Cafarella, John Sommer 2X.

Brothers, this is one of our two main fund raisers. Please send a donation check made payable to the Knights of Columbus #3632, and denote it for Alzheimer Drive. Mail it to John Sommer in the enclosed addressed envelope. Thank you in advance for your support

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE - OCT. 29-30

We sold 189 car raffle tickets for a total of \$1890. 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: Joe Cubero, Charles Dimick, Eric Watkins, John Sommer, Pat & Patricia Hanley, Torrey Mathisen, Bob Roma, Chuck Collins, Dave & Lori Lyon, George Hectus, Greg Mau, Madge Rodger, Dan Fitzpatrick, and Bob Criscuolo.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

On December 3 & 4 at St. Catherine of Siena, and December 10 & 11 at Our Lady of the Lake, our council will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" lawn signs, car magnets, buttons, and Christmas cards, after all Masses. Proceeds from this fund raiser benefit our Catholic schools of the two parishes. We need brother knights 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.

GOLF OUTING PROCEEDS TO YOUTH GROUPS

Proceeds from last June's golf outing were presented to the youth groups of St. Catherine of Siena and Our Lady of the Lake. OLL received \$4000 on October 16 at their annual Youth Sunday pancake breakfast. Our Chaplain, Fr. Joe D'Amico and youth group administrator Gina Butler were on hand to accept the donation. St. Catherine's also received \$4000 on October 29, following the 9 AM Youth Mass in the lower church. Monsignor Robert Slipe, Fr. Dan Peterson, and youth administrator Michael Guarducci, were presented the check. Thanks to all who participated in some way, whether you played, sponsored a hole, donated a prize, or whatever.

VERONA FAIR IN THE SQUARE—DECEMBER 3

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 3, from 12-4:30. We use this venue to sell our "Keep Christ In Christmas" items and promote our council. This year, we also plan to be selling "Shoulder To Shoulder With Our Brothers in Blue" magnets, a good neighbor police community relations program

Volunteers are needed to man the table for an hour or two. Call Pat Mullen (973-571-0056) to volunteer.

PRO LIFE/MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN TRENTON -JANUARY 23, 2017

There will be a pro Life/March For Life Rally in Trenton on January 23, 2017 from 11-1 pm. The address is 125 State St, Trenton, NJ. Contact the NJRTL website, NJRTL.org.

EYES FOR THE NEEDY

Our council collected from Our Lady of the Lake Parish, 152 pairs of eye glasses, 59 pairs of sunglasses, 9 watches, 3 cell phones, 1 bag of costume jewelry.

GOOD OF THE ORDER



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

Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, Elaine Shaffer, Stephanie Herbert, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Ferguson, a brother fighting addiction, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Joseph Donohue, Kate W., Claire Smith, Vern & Cindy Koppenhaver, Catherine Maccia, Bill Gleason, Ruth Edison, Marie Pierce, Sammy Munning, Tommy Cercone, Marita Shatzel, and Doris Dolan.

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 Nancy Shea, Jim McEvoy and his daughter Roseanne McEvoy.

Pray for our new seminarians, Jay Joo and Juan Rojas.

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

Larry Dillon

Dan Fitzpatrick

Thomas Basil

Christopher Gartner

Stan Osinski

Normand R. Roy

4TH DEGREE—ST. ISAAC JOGUES ASSEMBLY

The 4th Degree assembly for our council meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at St. Thomas More, 127 Hollywood Ave., in Fairfield. All 4th Degree members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

Jackpot! Winner, winner, chicken dinner! Chuck Collins' name was drawn for the attendance raffle and he was there. The prize was \$261. Our District Deputy was given the honor of drawing the winning name. Wait a minute, Chuck is our District Deputy. Hmmm? The pot goes back to \$0 next meeting. Come to meetings and maybe you will win. You may even get a chance to pull your own name out of the bag.

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, today for an appointment. I want to hear from you

ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

The first Monday of each month there will be a Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction at our Lady of the Lake Pastoral Center chapel at 7 PM. It's a good time to pray for our country. Our church, and ourselves. It is “Face Time” with our Lord. **Highly Recommended!** The next one is on December 5.