



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange May, 2017

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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 17	4th Degree Meeting—Fairfield Council
May 18-21	NJ State Convention, Wildwood, NJ
May 25	Social Meeting @ SCS
May 27	Special Citizen's Drive —ShopRite W. Caldwell
May 29	Memorial day Parade in Verona
June 1-4	Carnival @ St. Catherine's
June 5	Holy Hour @ OLL Pastoral Center Chapel
June 8	Regular Meeting @ OLL/OLL Graduation
June 10	Rosary For Life
June 10	Jerry O'Connor Special Citizens Picnic
June 10-11	Special Citizens Drive @ OLL
June 14	Federation Meeting—Montclair Council
June 18	Father's Day
June 21	4th Degree Meeting—Fairfield Council
June 22	Social Meeting @ SCS/ Election of Officers
June 26	Golf Outing

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

The end of the Columbian Year is drawing near. Lot's of things to do in the next month and a half.

The Special Citizens Drive is in full swing. If you haven't already volunteered your time to shake a can, please consider it. Help us reach our annual goal of \$10,000.

Memorial Day means a parade down Bloomfield Ave. in Verona. Come join us as we proudly march behind our council banner. It's a good warm up for the July 4th parade in Montclair.

Look for our council's booth at St. Catherine's carnival, and the following weekend, stop by the Jerry O'Connor Special Citizens picnic in Cedar Grove's Community Park, after you've spent the morning participating in the Rosary For Life in Montclair..

And of course there is our 9th annual Golf Outing. Who would want to miss that?

All the events are listed in the calendar above. Be an active Knight and get involved.

And finally, May is the month of Mary. Take out those rosary beads you received at your 1st Degree and use them.

Vivat Jesus
Chuck Collins, DD

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

The month of May is so very special. By now the Spring season is in full force despite some very cold weather. We can see it in the bright, beautiful and vibrant colors being born again in the plants and flowers, we can smell it as many of us are having some allergy issues, and we can even hear it with the birds chirping away. The long sleep of winter is gone and now we celebrate new life. But I'm beginning to wonder if the expression "April showers bring May flowers" is accurate since we've had more rain in May so far than in

April.

For me the treasure of May, however, is the celebration of motherhood! St. Therese of Liseux said, "The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a mother." So, this month we have a great opportunity not to thank God for all those special mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, Godmothers, for sharing with us the heart of God, but also to thank God for the spirituality of us all, the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, we are even more blessed as we celebrate and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Wow!!! What a beautiful, timely and important message. And how grateful are we for Pope Francis to fly to Fatima, Portugal for the canonization of two of the seers; Jacinta and Francisco.

Our Lady of Fatima - pray for us

Saint Jacinta - pray for us

Saint Francisco - pray for us

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

GOLF OUTING - JUNE 26, 2017



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 month 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 26! 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 eight years of the outing we have raised nearly \$50,000 for these groups. Help us raise the bar even higher by participating this year.

We are looking for and in need of good raffle prizes. If you have a good contact or prize to offer, please call Lori Lyon at 973-857-0311

VERONA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Our Council proudly accepted the invitation to march in Verona's Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 29. 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, June 1 to June 4. Our council has, as in years past, 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. PGKs Kevin Brown and Tony Morano are once again co-chairmen of this event. Wish them well and pray for good weather.

JERRY O'CONNOR MEMORIAL
K OF C SPECIAL CITIZENS PICNIC—June 10

All Knights and their families are invited to this special picnic. It will be held on Saturday, June 10, 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. Let us not forget the many years that Jack Cavaliere chaired this event for our council, working with the O'Connor family.

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.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – May 13 & June 10

Thirteen 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 thirteen years.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

The results from our store collections:

Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell	\$1375
Foodtown—Cedar Grove (1day)	660
St. Catherine of Siena	942
Mail solicitation as of 4/27/17	<u>1749</u>
	\$4726

We still have to collect at:

May 27 ShopRite West Caldwell
June 10-11 Our Lady of the Lake

Call John Sommer @ 973-857-1370 to collect after the Mass you attend.

Our goal is to collect \$10,00, as we have done 14 out of the last 15 years (we were \$500 short in 2006).

Brothers, you have all received a letter requesting a contribution. We would appreciate it if you could get it in the mail soon. If you lost the return envelope, just mail it to John Sommer at 172 Forest Ave., Verona, NJ 07044. We lost two days collecting at Cedar Grove Foodtown this year, which means we are about \$1000 short.

We still need volunteers at Our Lady of the Lake for June 11-12. Call John at 973-857-1370.

PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER

Fr. Oliver Nilo, Deacon Ralph Powell, and Abbey Frances Bennel, were the council's guests at the 12th annual Archdiocesan Pride In Our Priests Dinner., at The Terrace in Paramus, NJ. His Eminence, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin was in attendance and moved about the room meeting his flock. The Cardinal is a 4th Degree Knight. State Secretary Bob Hatler presented Cardinal Tobin a check for \$10,000 to go to towards his charities. Accompanying our council's guest clergy were John Sommer PGK, PJ Hanly PGK, Larry Dillon PGK, Roger Ellert, Gene McCarthy, Joe Cafarella DD, and Chuck Collins DD.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers for the 2016-2018 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. Elected positions are Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Inside Guard, Outside Guard. Contact PGK John Sommer @ 973-857-1370.

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 Fergenson, 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, Bob Rodgers, Marita Shatzel, Joe Mortara, 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 Michael Chiaramonte, Sr. and Tommy Cercone.

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 April:

Charles Dimeck	Fr. Andrew Kielkowski	Br. Damian Marek	Joseph Marino
Tony Miloscia	Francis Rodgers III	Bill VanHouten	Pat Vuolo
Ron Weathermon	Filoteco DeRitis	Peter Wojtal	Brian Baird
Eugene McCarthy	Lloyd Baldwin		

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of May

Fr. Tesfamariam Baraki	Joseph Cafarella	Rev. Emil Jarco	Colin Farawell
Chuck Pritchard	Mathew Ripoli	Joseph Cubero	Stephen Pietrucha
Robert Loffredo			

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.

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.

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!**

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The pot grew to \$75 on May 11, when PJ Hanly's name was drawn at our regular meeting at OLL. Our Worthy Financial Secretary was of course there and he walked away with the cash. Each meeting, all members in attendance put a \$1 in the can and we draw a name from our roster. If they are there they win. If not the money rolls over to the next meeting, and so on, until a winner in attendance emerges. Will you be at the next meeting?