



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

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## GUARD

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## MEETINGS

**1ST & 3RD**

**THURSDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

**7:30 PM**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug	12	Rosary For Life
Aug	12	Fr. Michael J. McGivney's Birthday
Aug	24	Social Meeting @ SCS
Sept	7	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Sept	9	Rosary For Life
Sept	11	Holy Hour @ OLL
Sept	13	Federation Meeting @ Regina Paces Council in Maplewood
Sept	16	Installation of Council Officers Mass @ OLL 5:30
Sept	21	Social Meeting @ SCS
Sept	30	Oktoberfest @ OLL
Oct	5	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Oct	9	Columbus Day
Oct	13	Mercy Night @ SCS
Oct	14	Rosary For Life
Oct	14	West Point Army Football Outing
Oct	14	4th Degree Dinner Dance Fund Raiser
Oct	19	Social Meeting @ SCS
Nov	17-18	Retreat @ Malvern- St. Joseph's in the Woods

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

I am honored & happy to be your next Grand Knight. I am looking forward to working with the council officers & members. We will have a council meeting on August 24, 2017.

Starting in September, we will be having our council meetings on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month: 9/7/17 @ Our Lady of the Lake & 9/21/17 @ St. Catherine's.

I hope to see you all on 8/24/17 @ St. Catherine's.

Vivat Jesus,  
Michael Risoli, GK



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

Greetings to you and your families at this mid summer's point.

The Feast of the Transfiguration greets us every year on August 6. We were blest to have this great feast on a Sunday this year. While we reflect on the transfiguration each year on the second Sunday of Lent, we're doubly blest this year to reflect on the significance of this moment twice.

The Holy Bible is loaded with imagery of nature and metaphors which remind us of God's presence. Jesus was transfigured on Mt. Tabor, the highest mountain in the region. Our biblical ancestors understood mountains as holy places which remind us of our ascent to God. God revealed himself to us through Moses when He gave us his identity; "I am who I am". Later on, we received the mind of God for human life through the 10 commandments. Jesus gave one of his most famous and memorable sermons, the Beatitudes, on a mountain. And the ancient prophetess, Deborah, was instrumental in defeating a large enemy army on Mt. Tabor by trusting and relying on God. This is the backdrop to understanding the transfiguration. A week before the transfiguration, Jesus was readying his disciples for his upcoming passion, death and resurrection. A week after the transfiguration this came to be. This transition moment bridged, for just a moment, the boundaries of heaven and earth when the earthly Jesus shone brightly and conversed with Moses, who represents the sacred law, and Elijah, who represents the prophets. This brief "heaven on earth experience" motivated, confirmed, affirmed and "sealed the deal" so to speak, not only for Peter, James and John but also for Jesus!!! It gave all four of them the strength to leave the mountain and journey to Jerusalem and together walk that passion and death. Tabor was important for them and Tabor is important for us. I know that God never tires of affirming, motivating and confirming us in his love when we are struggling. So, tap into your Tabor when life seems too difficult to walk and know that you never journey alone.

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

### REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGES



Beginning in September, our meeting dates will change to the *1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month*. The change was necessary because we kept losing meeting nights to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and for some reason, Holy Thursday. On the 1st Thursday at Our Lady of the Lake school library we have a regular business meeting with cold cut sandwiches and a variety of beverages served afterward. On the 3rd Thursday in the lower church at St. Catherine of Siena, we have our social meeting, which is a shortened business meeting, sometimes a lecturer, and a hot meal (prepared by our Past Grand Knight Gary Wilczewski) and beverages served afterward. If you haven't been to a council meeting in a while, come and join your brother Knights for a little fraternization. Who knows, maybe you will win the attendance raffle or 50/50.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MASS—September 16

The Installation of Officers ceremony will take place immediately following the 5:30 Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Church on Saturday, September 16. Our Chaplain, Fr. Joseph D'Amico will celebrate the Mass and the 4th Degree Color Guard will be there. Officers and their wives are to sit in the first two pews on the right. All members and their families are encouraged to attend this ceremony and are invited to the repast. Traditionally, this ceremony was a private affair on a weeknight. But last year it was changed to a regular weekend Mass to make the presence of our Order more visible to the parish.

The repast for the officers and their families, and anyone else who wants to come, will be held at Trattoria Bella Gente immediately following. The cost is \$25/person, BYOB. Contact Chuck Collins @ 973-809-5580 or kofc3632@aol.com to RSVP.

### OKTOBERFEST—OCTOBER 8 @ OLL



Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Verona will sponsor its 8th annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 30 from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. We need brother Knights to volunteer for kitchen duty, selling 50/50 tickets, etc. The celebration will include traditional German food, craft beers, wine, a variety of non-alcoholic drinks, live music and entertainment, raffles and an extensive tricky tray. Tickets for Oktoberfest are \$65 per person and can be ordered online at the special secure Oktoberfest website ([www.ollverona.org/Oktoberfest](http://www.ollverona.org/Oktoberfest)) or purchased at the OLL Rectory (973-239-5696). Lets try and get a table or two for our council.

### MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT—Save the Date

Knights of Immaculata (all K of C members) are invited to Men's Weekend Retreat, on November 16-18. Starts Friday at 6 PM and runs to noon Sunday at Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA. Details to follow.

### ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The Attendance Raffle is alive and growing. At our last meeting, Joe Cubero lost out on \$32. Should have been there Joe. 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.

## **ROSARY FOR LIFE – August 12 & September 9**

“Children are a gift from God.” Unfortunately, about 100 of these gifts are destroyed every week right down on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair. We can all help change these scandalous abortions. Together in prayer, numerous lives have been and will be saved. Those unborn babies are counting on us. Join us on these dates any time between 8:45 and 10:00 AM across the street from the Pilgrim Abortion Clinic. Just do it.

### **SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE**

Final results from our store collections:

Jack’s Foodtown—Caldwell	\$1375	
Foodtown—Cedar Grove (1day)	660	
St. Catherine of Siena	942	
ShopRite West Caldwell	898	
Coins from above stores	<u>244.49</u>	
	\$3177.49	\$3177.49
Our Lady of the Lake	\$1268.21	
St. Catherine of Siena	<u>944</u>	
	\$2212.21	\$2212.21
Mail solicitation	\$4554	<u>\$4554</u>
Total collected for 2017		\$9943.70
Late collections from 2016		<u>306.30</u>
Final tally		<b>\$10,250.10</b>

We wrote checks for a total of \$10,250 to the following charities:

Catholic Community Service, ARC of Essex County, Camp Fatima of New Jersey, St. Vincent Nursing Home, New Day Community, NW Essex Community Healthcare Network, School For Special Citizens  
Holy Cross Center of Learning, Educational Programs of Handicapped Children

Congratulations and thanks to all who supported this drive, both collecting and donating.

### **7TH ANNUAL WEST POINT FOOTBALL OUTING**

#### **Army vs. Eastern Michigan**



**It’s not just a game!** Save the date, October 14, 2017. Yes, we are going again and we will have our same great tailgate spot on Daly Field opposite Trophy Point. Bring a cooler with your favorite food and drinks. We will supply the game tickets, parking passes, and the tailgate site for \$55. You will need to provide your own transportation. This day is for camaraderie and enjoyment of our members, their families, and friends. Don’t miss out! For more information, details, and possible car pools, call Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684 or Pat Mullen @ 973-571-0056.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The first or second Monday of each month, 9/11, 10/2, 11/6 and 12/4, Our Lady of the Lake will be holding Eucharistic Adoration/Exposition and Benediction (Holy Hour) at 7:00 PM in the Pastoral Center Chapel. What is Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour? It is adoring and honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. It involves the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us. During Eucharistic Adoration, we watch and wait and remain silent in Jesus’ Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flows from the Eucharist. In its fullest essence, Eucharistic Adoration is God and Man reaching out for each other at the same time! Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and be ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease.” Jesus is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us on in the Pastoral Center Chapel at 7:00 PM to reach out to Christ while He reaches out to you.

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND ROME**

Rev. Joseph D’Amico and Our Lady of the Lake Church will be going on a Holy Land & Rome Pilgrimage, January 22 - February 2, 2018. 12 Days, \$3,969, from JFK (includes current airport taxes and fuel surcharges). For Information and Reservations, contact Barbara Camp: telephone: 201-396-7763, email: [bjcamp706@cs.com](mailto:bjcamp706@cs.com).

\$50 early booking discount if reserved by August 20, 2017

#### **MERCY NIGHT, OCTOBER 13**

A very special evening is coming to St. Catherine’s. It’s called Mercy Night. It’s an apostolate of the Emmanuel Community that has been held in different parishes of our Archdiocese (there’s a long waiting list, so we’re privileged to have them). It will come to our parish on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm (get home from work, have dinner, relax and come at 8). The essence of the night is: Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, music of the Emmanuel Community, Mercy Groups (prayer teams) and a couple of testimonies. The word of the night is: “FREEDOM”. The official program itself is only 45 minutes, then it’s a “come and go as you please” as the Lord remains exposed in the Blessed Sacrament for private adoration. You can relax and listen prayerfully to the music (the lights of the church will be dimmed and there will be candles lit throughout the sanctuary), go to confession, prayed over by in the Mercy Groups, all of the above or none of the above -- You are FREE! These events are especially geared for anyone who has been away from the Church as a way to bring them before the Lord, and a renewing experience for those who have a regular prayer life. Amazing things happen at Mercy Night, the Holy Spirit is very present! It’s a powerful experience for a parish community. We sincerely hope you will consider attending. All are welcome to come.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER



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

Regina Soboti, Hayley Pope & family, Elaine Shaffer, Stella & Jerry Votta, Tony LoRusso, Barbara Fergenson, a brother fighting addiction, Betty Ferrari, Pat Reynolds, Jake Hasslacher, Al Maccia, Jane Chiappara, Joseph & Carol Donohue, Kate W., Claire Smith, Vern & Cindy Koppenhaver, Catherine Maccia, Ruth Edison, Marie Pierce, Marita Shatzel, Carole Weld, Judy Hectus, and Judy Sommer.

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 Stephanie Herbert, Doris Dolan and Bob Rodgers, PGK.

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 August:

Robert Bell	Robert B. Rodgers	James Stack
Tony LoRusso	Torrey Mathisen	Donald O'Dea
Jerry Votta	Charlie Collins, Jr.	Gary Closeil

**And Happy Birthday to our founder, Venerable Servant of God, Fr. Michael J. McGivney**

## 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

### **Protect The Family**

The objective of the offensive line in football is to protect the quarterback. To do this, the line must be strong and reliable. Your family must also be protected. The one thing that will protect them best is strong and reliable life insurance.

With life insurance, your family will be protected from financial disaster in the event of your death. They can continue to live as you would want them to live. And they would have you to thank for it.

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### ROBERT W. RODGERS, PGK 1933-2017

Since our last newsletter, we lost a dear friend and brother Knight, Bob Rodgers. Bob was a devout Catholic, dedicated husband and father, and a proud and active Knight of Columbus for 32 years, making his 1st Degree on April 1, 1985. He served as Grand Knight twice, first in 1991-92, and again twenty-five years later in 2016-17.

Bob was part of the council's 1st Degree Team for nearly 30 years, where he performed one his favorite rituals of evangelizing about and distributing a K of C rosary to each new member. That's a lot of rosaries. He later became an integral part of the council's 2nd Degree Team. For years, Bob spearheaded the Shield Award Program, recognizing local law enforcement. He was always there at the Special Citizens Picnic with his truck to deliver supplies, collected money for special citizens at the supermarkets, supplied refreshment for the meetings, and just helped wherever he could. He was a true Knight.

But Bob's biggest charm was how he transcended generations, race, and ethnicity. He got along with everybody. As we travelled around Essex, Union, Hudson, and Bergen counties with the Degree Teams, everybody seemed to know Bob and treasured his friendship. Bob always wore a smile on his face and had an infectious laugh, that will be missed.

Rest in peace, our friend and brother Knight. Heaven has gained a bright new shining star.