



THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 23	Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 25	Alzheimer's Drive—Shop Rite
Dec. 2	Fair In the Square-Verona Municipal Square
Dec. 3	Blessing of Outdoor Nativity—OLL
Dec. 7	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Dec. 9	Rosary For Life
Dec. 9 & 10	Keep Christ In Christmas Sale @ OLL & SCS
Dec. 10	Christmas Concert @ OLL 4 PM
Dec. 16 & 17	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Dec. 21	Council Christmas Party @ SCS
Dec. 25	Blessed Christmas
Dec. 30 & 31	Rose Sunday @ SCS
Jan. 4	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Jan. 8	Holy Hour @ OLL

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

We're in the process of planning our Council Christmas Party which will be on Thursday, 12/21/17 @ 7:30 PM @ St. Catherine's.

The food will be catered from Esposito's. Cost is \$10 per person.

At this time, I'd like to wish everybody a Happy & safe Thanksgiving to you & your families.

May God bless all of you.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Risoli

Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Dear Friends,

During this season of giving THANKS, we give to Almighty God from whom all blessings flow. We often hear Christian preachers tell their congregations in a colorful way, "We need to adapt an attitude of gratitude." So true!!!! The wisdom of the bible from Genesis to Revelation reminds us to always be aware of God's blessings in our lives. And the wisdom of the saints is no different. We often read among their words of wisdom; a simple thank you to God is a prayer itself.

Perhaps this Thanksgiving season we can take an "attitude of gratitude" survey of our lives. What are our blessings? What are we grateful for in big and small ways? Am I aware of those people in my life who care for and provide for me in noticeable and unnoticeable ways? It's easy to recognize the need to say thank you for an obvious gift. But what about a toll collector who was patient with you while you fumbled looking for the ticket, coins, or fee? How about the server in the restaurant who has to put up with so much from people on a daily basis who knows your order before you place it and remembers the extra ice before you even notice it? Those are just small but very common daily examples. It's much more challenging to express gratitude when the giver is not cheery. But developing and cultivating an "attitude of gratitude" is important when convenient or not. I've found that the harder I try to show appreciation and respect to someone not giving of offering from a pleasant disposition has created great miracles and friendships which I presently enjoy. We've all heard the expression "music tames the savage beast" but I'm pleased to know that gratitude disarms the most difficult of personalities.

This Thanksgiving season please know that I'm grateful for you and count you among my most treasured blessings.

Peace, blessings and fraternal regards,

Rev. Joseph A. D'Amico

MASS FOR NATIVITY BLESSING

On December 3, at Our Lady of the Lake Church, there will be a re-dedication and blessing of the Nativity display, following the 12 noon Mass. This is the first week of Advent. Our council will be serving hot chocolate and cookies at the event. Let's have as many K of C members in attendance as possible. The Nativity scene, which was donated by our council last year, will be displayed on the lawn in front of the new Pastoral Center, facing Lakeside Rd

ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

The Attendance Raffle is alive and growing. At our last meetings, **Pat Cupo's** name was pulled on November 2 but a no show cost him \$45. On November 16, **Jim Robbins** had his name picked. He was out \$69 for staying home. Will your name be chosen next meeting? Come to the meeting and find out. Every meeting we collect a dollar from each member present, then draw a name out of a can containing all the council member's names. 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.

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE

We sold 173 car raffle tickets for a total of \$1730. 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 Hanley, Torrey Mathisen, Bob Roma, Chuck & Nansie Collins, Dave & Lori Lyon, George Hectus, Bill Spooner, Paul Soderman, Lloyd Baldwin, Dan Fitzpatrick, and the Moses family.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY—DECEMBER 21

We are once again having a council Christmas party for our members and their families on Thursday, December 21, at St. Catherine of Siena's. 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. Call Gary Wilczewski at 973-432-0923 or email the council at kofc3632@aol.com, and tell him how many of your family are coming so we know how much food to order. You can pay at the door.

WELCOME TO OUR COUNCIL

Welcome Eric Nunes, who has transferred into our council from Little Falls.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – DECEMBER 1

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 Alzheimer's Drive continues into December

Foodtown—Cedar Grove \$900

Jack's Foodtown—Caldwell \$1030

Mailings to date \$1344

November 25 Shop Rite—West Caldwell

As you can see we are short of our goal of \$5000. Brothers, please be generous and send your contributions to John Sommer, 172 Forrest Ave, Verona, NJ 07044. Make your check payable to Knights of Columbus and mark on the bottom "Alzheimer's Drive".

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 January 8.

VERONA FAIR IN THE SQUARE—DECEMBER 2

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 2, from 12-4:30. We use this venue to sell our "Keep Christ In Christmas" items and promote our council.

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

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

On December 9 & 10 at St. Catherine of Siena, and 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. We have a new item this year, "Keep Christ In Christmas" wrist bands. 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

Proceeds from our 9th Annual Golf outing, held last June were distributed to the Youth Groups of Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena.. On October 15, Our lady of the Lake received their check at their Youth Sunday pancake breakfast, and on November 5, St. Catherine's received theirs at the 9:15 Youth Mass. Both ministries received a donation of \$4000 each.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

Save the date, January 19, 2018. Arrange to take off that Friday and join the March For Life in Washington DC. NOW is the time to make arrangements so you can go & see for your self the excitement of the Pro-Life people who are praying & marching for Life. Join the young people who travel from far away - St. Louis, Kansas City, Boston, Philadelphia & all parts of New York & New Jersey, just to mention a few. You'll see for yourself the great crowds of people (over 300,000) that the liberal media ignores!

Our bus leaves from the Church of the Immaculate Conception , 30 Fullerton Ave. Montclair after a special Mass @ 7:00 AM. A light breakfast will be served downstairs in Madonna Hall. There will be food, soft drinks & water available with sandwiches for the trip down & back .

The cost is \$25.00 for adults & \$5.00 for students. There is no charge for clergy & religious.

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, Catherine Maccia, Ruth Edison, Marie Pierce, Marita Shatzel, Carole Weld, and Judy Hectus.

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 **Ron Blaha**.

Pray for those who died in Las Vegas and for their families and for the survivors. Pray for all the victims of the hurricanes and earthquakes.

Pray for our 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

Thomas Basil

Normand R. Roy

Larry Dillon (80)

Christopher Gartner

John Buglione

Dan Fitzpatrick

Stan Osinski

Rev. Bogdan Palka

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

During Thanksgiving, as you are giving thanks for what you have, think about what you are giving your family, I know you're a great provider. You give your family a nice home and everything else they could need. But what would happen if you were to die unexpectedly? Would the giving end?

It wouldn't have to if you had life insurance. Give your family the security that life insurance delivers. Give them protection that will last for a lifetime. Get life insurance for yourself - and your family.

Call our K of C insurance agent, Brian Baird at 201-707-6477 or brian.baird@kofc.org today for an appointment.

NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Wildwood NJ—May 17-19, 2017

It's not too early to plan to attend the NJ K of C State Convention next spring in Wildwood. 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. Contact Jim Kiernan @ 973-759-5196. Reservations must be in by January.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

