



THE KNIGHT LIFE



Newsletter of Father James J. Kelly Council #3632 Verona, Cedar Grove, W. Orange May, 2009

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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

TUESDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14-17	NJ State K of C Convention in Wildwood
May 18	Shield Award for Verona Police-Town Council Chambers 7:30P
May 19	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena
	Shield Award for Cedar Grove Police
	Fr. Robert sendoff party
May 25	Memorial Day Parades
May 28-31	Carnival @ St. Catherine's
June 2	Regular Meeting @ VCC
June 13	Jerry O'Connor/Special Citizens Picnic
June 16	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena—Election of Officers
July 7	NJ Jackals Baseball Outing
July 21	Installation of Officers—Salvatorian Monastery
Aug 4	Regular Meeting @ VCC
Aug 5	Federation Meeting @ Salvatorian Monastery
Aug 11	Golf Outing @ Black Bear Club in Franklin

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 eleven consecutive years. Did you know we are one of only a handful of councils in the State of NJ to achieve that lofty goal?

As most of you probably know, our chaplain, Fr. Robert, is leaving St. Catherine of Siena and our council, to join the U.S. Army. I am not a member of St. Catherine's parish, but I have gotten to know Fr. Robert through the Knights. His talks at meetings and his articles in *The Knight Life* have been uplifting and fresh. His involvement with the council has helped us get more involved with events at St. Catherine's, particularly with the carnival and having our meetings below the church. But the bottom line is, Fr. Robert is just a real nice guy and brother Knight who is a pleasure to talk to and hang out with. I know I'm going to miss him, and on behalf of all in the council that got to know him, they will miss him too.

But Fr. Robert will be pursuing something he really wants to do, to be a military chaplain. How many of us can chase our dreams like that? So it is time to celebrate, and that we will do at our May 19 meeting below St. Catherine's Church. Be there to tell this guy how much you love him.

Vivat Jesus,
Chuck Collins, GK

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Brother Knights!

The month of May is the month of Our Lady; may we remember in a special way the particularly important message of Our Lady at Fatima, celebrated May 13th. As John Paul the Great reminded us, *the apparitions at Fatima in 1917 form a point of reference and enlightenment for our century. Mary, our heavenly Mother, came to awaken men's consciences, to illuminate the authentic meaning of life, to call men to conversion from sin and to spiritual fervor, to inflame souls with love for God and with charity towards their neighbor.*

Mary came to help us, because many, unfortunately, do not wish to accept the invitation of the Son of God to return to their Father's house.

Even today, Mary renews her maternal and urgent petition: the conversion to Truth and Grace; the return to the life of the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist and devotion to her Immaculate Heart, accompanied by a spirit of penance. May we be true and noble witnesses of holiness and be true Knights of Our Lady!

Vivat Jesu!

Fr. Robert

SPECIAL CITIZENS/MENTALLY HANDICAPPED DRIVE

The following are the results of our council's collection:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
St. Catherine	1271.70	1252.84
OLL	<u>971.80</u>	<u>1145.00</u>
	2243.80	2397.84
Foodtown 3 days	1745.52	1501.10
Kings 2 days	1403.62	1454.88
Shop Rite 3 days	<u>1173.70</u>	<u>1087.07</u>
	4322.84	4043.05
Mailings (as of May 5)	<u>2395.00</u>	<u>2395.00</u>
Total	8961.34	8835.89

As you can see, we are nearly on target from last year. But to reach our goal of \$10,000, we need a final push of collections from our mailings. We are currently \$1165 short. About 28 people who gave last year have not responded yet. So if you have not yet made a personal contribution to our annual drive, how about taking that checkbook out and writing a check?

Thanks to the drive chairman Kevin Brown, who scheduled the brothers to collect at the various venues, tallied the money, and ran the program. Big thanks to Larry Dillon for making the arrangements with the supermarkets for us to collect.

And special thanks to all who collected:

Tim Murphy, PJ Hanly, Tony LoRusso, Joe Marino, Angelo Berardi, the Lyon Family, Michael Pescatore, Mike Collins, Chuck Collins, Larry Dillon, Chuck Pritchard, Tony Morano, Bill Spooner, Greg Mau, Joe Cafarella, Tony Ditri, Tom DeFrancisci, Al Linkus, Bob Rodgers, Carlos Fernandez, Walter Hislop, George Hectus, Nick Munning, Kevin Brown & sons, Fred & Diane Mahn, Torre Mathisen, Jerry Graham, Eric Watkins, Pat & Pat Hanley, Jim Miserendino.

CALL TO CONVENTION

On May 14, quite a few council members and families are heading to Wildwood for the K of C State Convention. It is a four-day weekend, which we can all use. A report will be in the June issue of *The Knight Life*.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – JUNE 13

Join your brother Knights and Judy Holtz's Rosary support group on the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 8:45 AM to 10 AM on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, in front of the Social Security building, opposite the Pilgrim Abortuary. We come to pray that mothers will not abort their babies. We say the four mysteries of the rosary and the chaplet. You can come for part of the time or stay for all the mysteries. It takes only one hour and 15 minutes of your time. Prayers do cause miracles.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RAFFLE– DGK HITS IT BIG!

We collect \$1 from each member at every meeting and if a member's name is drawn and he is in attendance, he wins. If he is not present, the money is rolled over to the next meeting, and so the pot grows. At the April 7 meeting, Ricardo Flattes' name was drawn but he was not there. Sorry Rick. But at the April 21 meeting, DGK Kevin Brown had his name drawn and took the pot of \$125. Thus the pot goes back to \$0 and we start all over. On May 5, with 22 members in attendance, Clay Rice had his name drawn but he was not there. Sorry Clay. It pays to attend meetings!

JACKALS BASEBALL OUTING

Our annual outing to Yogi Berra Stadium on the campus of Montclair State University to see the New Jersey Jackals baseball club will be on Tuesday, July 7, 2009. The Jackals will host the Sussex Skyhawks, with first pitch at 7:05 PM. Mark your calendars and enjoy a night at the ballgame with your brother Knights and their families. More details later.



GOLF OUTING

Our council is planning its first golf outing for this summer at the Black Bear Golf Club in Franklin, NJ. The date has been set for August 11. Chairman Kevin Brown needs some sub-committees to help with the marketing and contributions towards this event. All proceeds are to go to St. Catherine's and Our Lady of the Lake's youth in a capacity to be determined. So, if you know of some vendors that would be willing to contribute goods, or donate monies for sponsorships, please step forward and help us out. Give Kevin a call @ (973) 239-8830.

And start getting your foursome together. It's all for a great cause and fun outing.

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 all four nights. It's a lot of fun and helps raise money for St. Catherine's school. This year our council is also looking to sponsor one of the booths.

Please sign up for one of these dates. You can do a 4 hour shift or a 2 hour shift. Please contact Kevin Brown @ 973-239-4446 to sign up.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations and welcome to Michael Pescatore, who made his 1st and 2nd Degrees in Springfield Council in April, conferred by our own Father James J. Kelly Degree teams. Michael is an attorney located at 166 Bloomfield Ave. in Verona, and will be joining John LoCoco and Gary Wilczewski in making their 3rd Degree in Union on June 3.

SOCIAL MEETING—MAY 19

Our second meeting in May will be a social meeting. It will be open to spouses, family and friends. A couple of special events will highlight the evening:

- 1) Our council will be presenting its annual Shield Award to deserving Cedar Grove policemen.
- 2) We will be honoring our Chaplain Fr. Robert Gelinias, who is joining the U.S. Army and will be leaving sometime in June. Come join us and thank him for the wonderful inspiration he has been to our council.

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 (rain date June 14), 12 noon to 4 PM at Cedar Grove's Community Park on Little Falls Rd. Music will be supplied by Jake Thomas and his band. 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.

Jack Cavallere and Joe Cafarella are in charge of the food with the able assistance of Bob Rodgers. They would like some help. Please call Jack at 973-226-1101. 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.

KNIGHTS ON PARADE—MEMORIAL DAY



Our council will once again be marching this Memorial Day, starting with the Verona parade at 10 AM. The line of march begins at Everett Field on Bloomfield Ave. at 9:30 AM. Then, we will be going over to Cedar Grove to participate in their parade at 12 noon. Give John Sommer a call @ 973-857-1370 if you plan on marching in either parade.

PRIDE IN PRIESTS DINNER

On Thursday, May 7, The annual Pride In Priests Dinner was held at the Fiesta Banquet Hall in Wood Ridge, NJ. Fr. Bryan Page, Fr. Al Berner, and Fr. Michael Barone (a chaplain at St. Michael's hospital), joined council members PGK Ron Blaha, PGK John Sommer and wife Judy, PGK Dave Lyon and wife Lori, Treasurer PJ Hanly, and GK Chuck Collins for the affair.

The event is the joint effort of the Essex, Hudson, & Bergen County Federations. It is a night to honor our priests and also a fundraiser for the Archbishop's charities. State Deputy Tom Ciborski presented Archbishop John J. Meyers a healthy check on behalf of the Knights of Columbus. It was a pleasant evening and a joyous event.

SHIELD AWARD

Our annual Shield Award, honoring local law enforcement who exemplify professionalism and outstanding community service, will be presented in two installments. On May 18, at the Verona Town Hall during the Town Council Meeting, police officers from the Verona police department will be honored in the presence of the town officials and citizens via cable TV. The Cedar Grove police department opted to have their presentations at our council meeting as they have in the past. That will take place the next night on May 19, at St. Catherine's as mentioned above. The winners of the award will be announced in the next issue of *The Knight Life*.

INSURANCE

We have a new insurance agent for our council. Our former agent, Ron Listwan, has retired. We wish him happiness and prosperity in the years to come. Our new agent is **Brian Honsberger**. His phone number follows his insurance article below. Give him a call if you have any questions or insurance/investment needs.



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 Honsberger, your council field agent, at (973) 998-4229 today for an appointment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of May:

Fr. Tesfamariam Baraki

Joseph Cafarella

Richard Citrano

Al Linkus

James McEvoy

Chuck Pritchard

Mathew Ripoli

Emil Jarco

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ADOPTED BABY

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after his mother conceived him. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. He is no different now than he was before birth except that he breathes and eats differently.

He is truly a miracle. He began as a 46 chromosome cell and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby.

You may never meet the mother and the baby but your prayers saved his/her life.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our Installation of Officers Ceremonial has a new date. We have moved it to July 21, from its usual September spot. Since the Columbian Year starts July 1, and the officers assume their positions on that day, we felt it was more productive to hold the ceremonial in the summer when not much is going on, and use the September date for something more constructive, like a tailgate party. The event will once again be held at the Salvatorian Monastery. More details in upcoming to come.

ESSAY CONTEST

Both St. Catherine of Siena and Our Lady of the Lake schools are participating in our council-sponsored Essay Contest. It is for any 8th grade student going to a Catholic high school. The winner from each school will receive a \$250 cash prize. Essays are being graded now. Winners will be announced in June.



GOOD OF THE ORDER

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

Gabriel Bercovici, Alice Garcia, Mary Lou Rapuano, Ian Stryker, John D. Coyne Jr., William Foley, Regina Soboti, Richie Weber, Paul Maria, Joe Musynske, Hayley Pope & family, the Rembert Family, baby girl Hanlon, Eric M, Thomas Flood, Frank Rodgers, Anita Sommer, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, Pat Reynolds, Dr. Doris, Stella & Jerry Votta, Christine Maccia, Marie Cole, John DeSimone, Steve Rappaport, Nicole Greco, Daniel Fischer, Fr. Frank McGowan, Paul Coleman, Beth Duelly, William Robertson, Jane and Andy C., Donald Sell, Diane Barton, and Barbara Shea.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially Walter Breese.

Pray for peace in our world especially in the Middle East and for the safety of all our military men and women.

Special prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

We should continue to pray for all those who run maternity shelters for the homeless and unwed mothers, especially Good Counsel.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—JUNE 16

We will be holding elections for our Columbian year 2009-2010 which starts July 1, 2009. Elections will be held on June 16 at our regular meeting in the St. Catherine's. Positions to be voted on will be Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Warden, Advocate, Outside Guard, and Inside Guard.

Where would our council be if a few good men didn't volunteer to step up? It only takes several hours a month and you will get all the help that you need. Think and pray about it. Then do what's right for you and your council. In particular, we need someone to step up and be our recorder and Lecturer.

The proposed slate is as follows:

Grand Knight	Chuck Collins
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Brown
Chancellor	Tony Morano
Recorder	Open
Treasurer	P. J. Hanly
Warden	Dan Fitzpatrick
Advocate	Tony Ditri
Outside Guard	Tim Murphy
Inside Guard	Jack Cavalere
<u>Assigned:</u>	
Chaplain	Open
Financial Secretary	Joe Cafarella
Lecturer	Open