



# THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

## **GRAND KNIGHT**

**CHUCK COLLINS**

**973-857-9124**

## **DEPUTY GK**

**KEVIN BROWN**

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**FITZPATRICK**

## **FINANCIAL**

## **SECRETARY**

**JOE CAFARELLA**

## **TREASURER**

**P.J. HANLY**

## **ADVOCATE**

**TONY DITRI**

## **LECTURE**

**BOB RODGERS**

## **INSIDE GUARD**

**JACK CAVALERE**

## **OUTSIDE**

## **GUARD**

**TIMOTHY MURPHY**

## **CHAPLAIN**

**FR. ROBERT**

**GELINAS**



## **MEETINGS**

**1ST & 3RD**

**TUESDAYS**

**OF THE MONTH**

**7:30 PM**



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept 15	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena
Oct. 3 & 4	NJRTL Raffle@ OLL
Oct. 6	Regular Meeting @ VCC
Oct. 9 & 10	Alzheimer's Drive @ Foodtown
Oct. 10	Rosary For Life
Oct. 12	Columbus Day
Oct. 16	Oktoberfest @ Salvatorian Monastery
Oct. 16 & 17	Alzheimer's Drive @ Shop-Rite
Oct. 20	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena
Nov. 3	Regular Meeting @ VCC
Nov. 6 & 7	Alzheimer's Drive @ Kings
Nov. 14	Rosary For Life

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Brother Knights,

On Sunday, August 30, the second reading at Mass was from a Letter from St. James. In it he said, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." The ensuing homily expounded on these words and made me think of what we do as Knights of Columbus, or at least what we are supposed to be doing. So here is the question I'd like you to ask yourself. *Are you a doer or just a hearer?* If you're a hearer or somewhere in between, and want to heed the words of St. James, just look above at the upcoming events and see that there are three weekends we will be collecting for the Alzheimer's Drive. That would be a good place to start being a doer. Another good place to start is at the council meetings where you will see first hand what we have planned next. We've been getting a lot more doers lately, but there's always room for more.

I remember one of Fr. Robert's homilies at an Installation of Officers Mass, and he talked about how Knights of Columbus "do things." So, taking from St. James and Fr. Robert, the battle cry of this Grand Knight's Message is "Do It With the Knights of Columbus."

Vivat Jesus,  
Chuck Collins, GK

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**



Brother Knights!

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer, charity as well as Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."

Many people have turned to Padre Pio to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still archbishop, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she was cured of her life-threatening disease.

Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, Padre Pio would hear confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.

What a great encouragement to have such a holy saint as Padre Pio in heaven now, a saint who is so willing to intercede for us all.

Vivat Jesu!  
Fr. Robert

## **QUARTERLY 50/50 FOR OCTOBER**

Enclosed with this issue of the Knight Life, you will find tickets for the October 50/50 with a return envelope. They are \$5 each. Return the filled out stubs with a check made out to K of C #3632. Council winners in the July 50/50 were: Larry Dillon, Joe Carter, Bob Rodgers, Beryl O'Connor, Marion Cafarella, George Hectus, Tom Cavallere, Tom DeFrancisci, Jim Ferguson, Dorothy Cole, and Wilma Santoro. There would have been seven more winning brothers but they didn't return their ticket stubs. The \$500 winning ticket was sold by Bill Spooner (the winner was not a brother Knight).

This is one of our four 50/50 fund raisers we have each year to help support our council activities and charities. Thanks for your continued support.

## **NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE—OCTOBER 3-4**

On the weekend of October 4-5, our council with parishioners will be selling chances on a new 2010 Volvo XC60, retailing at \$38,000, for the NJRTL, at Our Lady of the Lake church after all Masses. This is NJRTL's main fund raiser for the year. The chances are \$10 each.

We again need to schedule members to help at the doors. Call John Sommer @ 973-857-1370 and sign up to help at the door of OLL before and after Mass that weekend. Tell John which Mass you will be attending.

## **ALZHEIMER'S DRIVE**

This is our second biggest fund raiser that we work on. Please call Larry Dillon @ 973-736-5684, and volunteer for a two hour slot at one or more of the following venues:

October 9 & 10	Friday & Saturday	Foodtown (CG)
October 16 & 17	Friday & Saturday	Shop Rite (WO)
November 6 & 7	Friday & Saturday	Kings (VER)

Everyone knows someone who has this terrible disease. It's hard on them and especially hard on their caregivers. Brothers, if you can make a donation as well as volunteer to collect, that would be great. Make a check to K of C #3632 and include it in the 50/50 raffle ticket envelope addressed to Larry Dillon.

## **OKTOBERFEST—OCTOBER 16, 2009 7:00PM**

Put Friday, October 16, on your calendar for the Oktoberfest celebration at the Salvatorian Monastery in Verona. Normally we have the Past Grand Knight's Dinner at this time but as the PGK is still our current Grand Knight, we will be enjoying German style food, beer, wine, soda, desert and a Bavarian-style Oompah band. Actually, it's *not* an Oompah band ... it's Ted Vincent with his accordion music and rhythm box that makes it sound like a full band!

The dinner is open to all, Knights, families, friends. The food is great and the speeches limited so it proves to be a fun-filled evening! Please talk it up and fill up a table with family and friends. \$20 Adults; \$10 Children.

For reservations call PGK Dave Lyon @ 973-857-1977, PGK John Sommer @ 973-857-1370 or GK Chuck Collins @ 973-857-9124.

## **ROSARY FOR LIFE – OCTOBER 10**

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. One baby that we know of was saved at the August Rosary. Prayers do cause miracles.

## **MEETING ATTENDANCE RAFFLE**

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. On August 18, **James Miserindino** had his name drawn and he was there. The payoff: \$106. Jimmy also won the 50/50 that night for \$14, netting him a total of \$120 for the night. Not bad for just showing up at a meeting! It pays to attend meetings.

## **NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY**

We collected 209 pairs of eyeglasses and 27 watches from our brother Knights, Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Sienna churches, . The New Eyes For The Needy were very grateful. Tim Murphy was head of the drive at St. Catherine's and John Sommer at our Lady of the Lake. The basket on the organ side of OLL will remain for glasses, watches, and hearing aids.

## **INAUGRAL GOLF OUTING A SUCCES!**

The Knights of Columbus Golf Outing in August was a great success. We'll be making a donation of \$2,500 to each of the Youth Groups at St. Catherine of Siena and Our Lady of the Lake parishes- \$5000 total!

This is a big deal for us, especially considering that this was the first time our council has presented an event like this. We had 51 golfers; 31 hole sponsors; hundreds of donated prizes; and lots of fun.

Everyone who participated in this year's Golf Outing had a great time and expressed their excitement to not only return next year but also to bring more friends.

Next year's Golf Outing will be in June – that's right, June; not August. This should help us avoid conflicts with August vacations. We're looking forward to a bigger crowd next year to boost our numbers – and the donations to the Youth Groups.

The success of the Golf Outing is also important to raise our council's profile in our parishes and in our communities. We'd like to see this become an event that people truly look forward to every year. There's always a way for you to help out with the Golf Outing – make a donation; sponsor a hole; help solicit local businesses for prize donations; help the day of the event; and, of course, sign up to play! Keep an eye out for our call for volunteers next spring.

Visit the council's web site to take a look at some pictures from the Golf Outing – go to [www.kofc3632.org](http://www.kofc3632.org).



## **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, Anita Sommer, Elaine Shaffer, Eileen Frey, 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., Diane Barton, Dick Meehan, Julie Alvarez, Bill Marron, Stephanie Herbert, Nick Munning, Kevin Carr, Dennis Murphy, Judy Sommer, and Dee Taylor.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families especially Frank Rodgers,

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.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Happy Birthday to our brother Knights born in the month of September!

Br. Piotr Bogawaski

Rev. Joseph Bragotti

Robert Cannan

Carlos Fernandez

Neil Gervasio

George Hectus

Patrick O'Callaghan

Frank Prout

Fr. Grzegorz Szewczyk

Fr. Marek Wiormeiewicz

Edward Young

Robert Smith

## **FRANCIS X. RODGERS, JR. 1930-2009**

Past Grand Knight Frank Rodgers passed away on August 14, just three weeks after his 79th birthday. Frank was A Knight for over 50 years, first joining the order on April 1, 1954. Frank served two terms as our council's Grand Knight, once in 1993-94, and again in 1995-96. Frank was an active force in our council, working hard for the Special Citizens Drive, Alzheimer's Drive, Entertainment Books , and much more.

Frank had a great sense of humor and a sharp, dry wit. One of our favorite stories about Frank that we share all the time took place when he was a member of our council's degree teams. Frank was our music man, controlling the boom box to provide the appropriate music during a degree ceremony. One Sunday afternoon, about 15 years ago, we were conferring a 2nd Degree in Hillside. They had a sound system that was controlled from a side room next to the main hall. It was also where the beer taps were. So while the rest of us were performing the degree, Frank, out of site in the side room, had helped himself to the beer while pushing the buttons for the music. By the time the degree was over, Frank was halfway to happy hour. We still laugh about that to this day.

Rest in peace brother Knight and friend. Yours is a memory of a life served well.