



THE KNIGHT LIFE



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

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MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD

TUESDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 22	Feast of Christ the King
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving
Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 1	Regular Meeting @ VCC
Dec. 2	Essex County Federation Meeting
Dec. 5	Verona Fair in the Square
Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 12	Rosary For Life
Dec. 12-13	Rose Sunday @ OLL
Dec. 15	Council Christmas Social @ St. Catherine of Siena
Dec. 16	4th Degree Christmas Party @ Fairfield Council
Dec. 18	OLL Parish Christmas Concert
Dec. 25	Blessed Christmas
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
Jan. 1	Happy New Year
Jan. 2-3	Rose Sunday @ St. Catherine of Siena
Jan. 3	Feast of the Epiphany
Jan. 22	March For Life - Washington DC
Jan. 29	Winterfest Party at Russian Hall

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

In the days of our fathers, when Knighthood was the pillar of church and state, a Knight was aware of his surroundings and vigilant of the events that influenced his times. These days, two landmark issues are coming to a critical point in our legislative process. Here in NJ, state legislators are trying to steam roll a same sex marriage bill through before the new governor takes over who vows to veto it. On the national scene, national healthcare (or Obama Care), with all its hidden and not so hidden abortion benefits, has become a topic of debate for many Americans. Both of these issues affect you as a Catholic, as a Knight, and as an American.

So, once again, referring to those words charged to you when you made your 1st Degree: "By example and by word, must we contend against the foes of church and state." Now is the time to contact you state and national representatives and tell them how you feel about these issues.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus,
Chuck Collins, GK

ALERT!-SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN NJ -ALERT!

"The lame duck state legislature will be called into session on November 23rd. We expect authorization of same sex marriage to be on the agenda". We need to act NOW! To prevent enactment of same-sex marriage in New Jersey we need to contact all of our legislators. We especially need to contact the following senators:

Newark Archdiocese

Senator M. Teresa Ruiz 166 Bloomfield Ave. , Newark 07014 # 973 484 1000

Senator Brian P. Stack 3715 Palisade Ave., Union City 07087 # 201 330 3233

Senator Paul A. Sarlo 207 Hackensack St., Woodbridge 07075 # 201 804 8118

Contact these senators now and urge them to oppose the bill to change the definition of marriage and to "let the people decide" this issue by referendum.

Remember it is now or never. Consider what legalizing same-sex marriage will do to the curricula in our schools and the effect on our children and grandchildren. I can assure you that our opponents are fully mobilized and actively engaging our legislators. Our legislators **MUST HEAR FROM US NOW.**

Vivat Jesus,
Herbert C. Meyer
State Deputy

ALZHEIMER'S DRIVE

We collected:

Foodtown Oct. 9 & 10 \$1193.48

Shop Rite Oct. 16 & 17 801.35

Kings Nov. 6 & 7 1156.36

For a total of \$3151.19

Last year we collected from these stores \$ 2873.27. We want to thank all those who collected at the stores for their time and effort and results:

Nick Centeno, Kevin Brown, Tim Murphy (5 times), Bob Roma, Greg Mau (2X), Tony Ditri, Al Linkus (3X), Larry Dillon (4X), John Sommer (2X), Joe Marino, Joe Cafarella, Chuck Pritchard, Dave Lyon, Tony LoRusso, Gary Welczewski, Bob Rodgers, Diane Mahn, PJ Hanly, Tom DeFrancisci, Bill Spooner.

Thanks for a great job well done. So far we have received mail in checks from eleven people for \$875, bringing our total collections to \$4026.19. There is still time to make a contribution. Make checks payable to K of C #3632, and mail to John Sommer @ 172 Forest Ave., Verona, NJ 07044. Mark bottom of check for Alzheimer Drive. The money collected goes to **Respite Care**, which gives the caregivers a chance to get away for a while for a well deserved rest.

FAIR IN THE SQUARE -DECEMBER 5

This Christmas season our council will be hosting a table at Verona's annual Fair in the Square, held at the town municipal square on Saturday, December 5. We will be selling "Keep Christ In Christmas" lawn signs, car magnets, buttons, coloring books, as well as spreading our message and attracting prospective new members. Please call Tony Morano @ 973-857-7122 to sign up to work the table. Set up time is 10 AM—12. The fair is open to the public from noon to 4:30. Let us show our strength in Unity and have several members attending the table at all times.

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

This year we are selling lawn signs, buttons, and car magnets with "Keep Christ In Christmas" on them. Lawn signs are \$10 each and magnets are \$3, buttons TBA. Contact Dan Fitzpatrick at 973-857-3115 or Tony Morano at (973) 857-7122. Quantities are limited, so don't procrastinate. Every brother Knight in this council should have these items for display on their lawns and vehicles. These items are to remind us of the real reason for the Christmas season. Proceeds go to our two Catholic schools. GK Chuck Collins recently presented Sister Mary Agnes, Principal of OLL School, with a check for \$417 for our previous efforts.

OKTOBERFEST—OCTOBER 16, 2009 7:00PM

We had 52 in attendance at our Oktoberfest party which replaced this year's Past Grand Knight's Dinner. Everyone had a good time, enjoying traditional German foods (prepared by Italians - Marc Anthony Caterers), sauerkraut salad, knockwurst, zwiebelhuknchenbrust, German potatoes, soft pretzels, sautéed cabbage, and Bavarian potato salad. The best was served last, "Lava Cake." Toasts at the tables with Jaegermeister were made as Ted Vincent did his usual best on the accordion. He played during the meal and we had a sing-along after the dinner. Our Past Chaplain, Fr. John Gibbons drove all the way up from Toms River to join us.

Thanks to Dave Lyon and his family. His daughters and their friends helped decorate the pumpkins as centerpieces for the tables. Thanks to those who set up and cleaned up: Larry Dillon, Tim Murphy, Bob Rodgers, and Dave Lyon & family, PJ Hanly, John & Judy Sommer.

ROSARY FOR LIFE – DECEMBER 12

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 (Pilgrim Medical Center). Approximately 100 legal abortions a week are performed there. 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. While we are praying, sidewalk counselors are trying to convince the mothers & some fathers to think about what they are about to do.

We need more brother Knights to participate in this life saving activity. Families welcome! Your prayers and presence do make a difference & can save lives!

MEETING ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

We had a winner! Tim Murphy won \$84 at the October 3 meeting as his name was pulled and, naturally, Tim was there. At the previous meeting, Fr. Wlodzimierz Las' name was drawn and he was not at the meeting.

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. It pays to attend meetings.

GOLF OUTING

On October 25, proceeds from our golf outing were presented to Our Lady of the Lake Youth Group, in church after the 10:30 Mass. Grand Knight Chuck Collins presented the \$2500 check to Fr. Bryan Page, spiritual leader of OLL's Youth Group.

NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Wildwood, NJ—May 15-18, 2010

Anyone interested in attending the NJ K of C State Convention next spring in Wildwood, contact John Sommer @ 973-857-1370. 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.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL—DECEMBER 15

Once again, we will be hosting a Christmas social following our second regular meeting of December. Family and friends are welcome to enjoy a guest speaker and nice meal afterward with beer, wine, and soda. Come get into the holiday spirit and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with your brother Knights and their families, on this evening of cheer. Cost of admission is peace and good will towards men. Please call GK Chuck Collins @ 973-857-9124 in advance to let him know you are coming so we know how much food to order.



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, Donna Murphy, Judy Sommer, and Suzanne Flood.

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

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.

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!

Robert Deyo

Larry Dillon

Dan Fitzpatrick

Thomas Basil

Christopher Gartner

Stan Osinski

Fr. Bogdan Palka

Normand R. Roy

Frank Sapienza

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 Honsberger at (973) 998-4229 today for an appointment.

HEALTHCARE

Congratulations to the Conference of Catholic Bishops for their involvement in the House's passage of a bill that bars a new government-run insurance plan for covering abortions. Through their intensive lobbying efforts the "Stupak" amendment passed. Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick had called Speaker Nancy Pelosi to discuss adding strict abortion restriction to the House bill. The Catholic Church for years has wanted some change in health care but not if it involved abortion. (Refer to Yahoo News article by Julie Hirschfeld avis, AP writer.)

We now have to put pressure on the Senate to include "Stupak" wording in their version of the Healthcare bill. We can help by writing to or calling our two U.S. Senators and asking them to add strict abortion restrictions to their version of the Healthcare plan or simply "Kill the Bill"!

Senator Robert Menendez

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Washington, DC 20510

202-224-4744

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