



THE KNIGHT LIFE



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MEETINGS

2ND & 4TH

THURSDAYS

OF THE MONTH

7:30 PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 25	Regular Meeting @ St. Catherine of Siena
Mar. 11	Regular Meeting @ OLL
Mar. 13	Rosary For Life
Mar. 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 19	St. Joseph's Day
Mar. 25	Social Meeting/St. Patrick's Day Celebration @ St Catherine of Siena
Mar. 25	Feast of the Annunciation/Day of the Unborn
Mar. 28	Palm Sunday
Mar. 29	K of C Founders Day
Apr. 4	Easter Sunday
Apr. 10-11	Special Citizens Drive—Kings
Apr. 17-18	Special Citizens Drive—Foodtown
Apr. 24-25	Special Citizens Drive—Shop-Rite
May 13-16	K of C NJ State Convention—Wildwood
Jun. 12	Jerry O'Connor Special Citizen's Picnic
Jun. 15	Golf Outing

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

After our successful mid-winter bash at the Russian Hall, it's time to start planning for the spring and all the activities to come. But the Lenten season is at our door step, and with the exception of our celebration of St. Patrick, our council activities will slow down a bit. For it is a time to immerse ourselves more in our Catholic faith. Not by giving up pizza, beer, candy or whatever. But maybe by more frequent and intense prayer, going to daily Mass, doing more acts of charity. Our parishes will be having programs to aid us. Check out their bulletins. And when we emerge from Lent on that glorious day, Easter Sunday, may we have a renewed sense of spirit, strength, and faith - just in time for the Special Citizens drive.

Vivat Jesus,
Chuck Collins, GK

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



The word “Lent” comes from an old English word which means “springtime.” The season of Lent is a time of special grace for us in which we want to do some spiritual spring cleaning in our lives and enjoy new life as a result. This begins with Ash Wednesday, by coming to the Church and having burnt palm rubbed on our forehead in the form of a cross. We will be wearing ashes on our heads, but we will also have Christ himself in our hearts, having received in Holy Communion.

Next, we go out into the world and will be in shopping centers, gas stations, offices, schools, living rooms, restaurants and many other places where people will see the ashes. Whether they say anything or not, they will be touched. They will be reminded that in this pleasure-centered world, there are some people who believe in eternal life. They will be reminded that in this self-centered world, there are some people who have experienced the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. They will be reminded that there is more to life than money, power, and popularity.

God will be reminding them of all these things, simply because we have decided to renew our faith in him this Ash Wednesday. The next day it will be much harder because the ashes will be gone from our heads, however we must continue to demonstrate that Christ is still in our hearts.

During this season of Lent, let's make it our commitment to continue wearing the ashes every day, not on our heads, but in our actions, living as Christ asks. We do this by speaking words of truth and encouragement, instead of criticism and gossip. By reaching out to help our family members, neighbors, and coworkers without looking for anything in return, by forgiving those who offend us and most of all, by sharing the Good News Christ has given to us, with those around us who need to hear it.

This year, don't allow marks of our faith to be rubbed off after Ash Wednesday, enable the faith publicized on Ash Wednesday to flood all your actions and so continue to share lasting hope with this passing world.

God Bless,
Fr. Bryan

NEW MEETING DAYS AND LOCATION

Beginning in January 2010, our meeting nights were changed to the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

The new locations are:

2nd Thursday	OLL School Library
4th Thursday	St. Catherine's church basement

WINTERFEST PARTY—JANUARY 29, 2010

Once again, our mid-winter party, *Winterfest* (formerly known as the Holiday Party), was a big success. Ninety-five people attended to enjoy the Russian Hall fare, music by local favorite band *Pet in the Middle*, and the camaraderie of brother Knights and their families. Representatives from local councils in Bloomfield, Fairfield, Livingston, and Newark, joined in our celebration. Deacon Daniel Riviolo from Our Lady of Perpetual Help led us in prayer before our meal.

Certificates of Appreciation were given to Dan Fitzpatrick for doing all our printing jobs like the Knight Life and flyers, Lori Lyon and Michelle Morano for their outstanding work on the golf outing, and Madge Rodgers for providing our St. Patrick's Day feast. The **Knight of the Year** award was deservingly presented to Tim Murphy for his exemplary volunteerism.

Special thanks to chairperson Dave Lyon for making all the arrangements, and his daughter Jennifer and her friends for selling the 50/50 tickets. And P.J Hanly for taking care of all financial duties. We would also like to thank the sponsors of the program for their generosity: Law Offices of Michael Pescatore, Esq., Torre Mathisen Home Improvements & Renovations, Bunky's Automotive Service, Inc., and Dr. Charles Collins of All Essex Chiropractic.

“A good time was had by all.”

ROSARY FOR LIFE – MARCH 13

Witness the power of prayer! Join the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 13, from 8:45 AM to 10 AM on Bloomfield Ave. in Montclair, in front of the Social Security building, opposite the Pilgrim Abortion Clinic where they perform 100 abortions a week. We gather to pray the rosary that mothers will not abort their babies. We meet the second Saturday of every month. Come spend as much time as you have. Your prayers and presence will and have saved baby's lives! Bring your families.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RAFFLE

It had to happen eventually. After a several meetings of no winners, our Chancellor Tony Morano's name was picked from the lot and he was at the meeting. Tony walked home with \$72 at our February 11 meeting at OLL. 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.

NJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Wildwood, NJ—May 13-16, 2010

It is not too late if anyone is interested in attending the NJ K of C State Convention next spring in Wildwood. Contact Chuck Collins @ 973-857-9124. 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

On January 22, 2010, Fr. Peter Koziolkiewicz of St. Catherine of Siena, offered a Pro Life Mass at 6:45 AM and then joined our annual bus ride to Washington DC for the 37th Annual March For Life. Our bus load consisted of 45 concerned pro-life individuals including several brother Knights from our council (Tony LoRusso, Bill Spooner, Larry Dillon), and the Fairfield and Montclair councils.

In D.C. we joined a crowd of well over 100,000 from all over the country including increasing numbers of our youth. As usual, we listened to some of the featured speakers, joined the march to the Supreme Court, and visited our U.S. Senators' offices to voice our dissatisfaction of their pro-choice positions. The bus ride consisted of a pro-life video, a rosary, a couple of good movies, and food, drinks, and snacks for lunch and dinner. A day well spent and a real bargain at \$20. Montclair council paid for the bus, meeting room and handled administrative affairs, while our council paid for the food and refreshments.

SUPER BOWL XLIV POOL

Our council's Super Bowl Pool was a fun success. Terry Holusha won both the 1st and 3rd quarter scores for \$25 each. DGK Kevin Brown cashed in the halftime score for \$75. And Chick Macarone from Bloomfield council won the big prize for the final score -\$375! Thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to P.J. Hanly who organized and ran the pool.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MEETING/PARTY

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us at our March 25 meeting to be held at the St. Catherine of Siena. There will be a very short business meeting followed by Irish fare, refreshment, and music. Spouses, family, and friends are all welcome. Recommended attire is green and required attitude should be rebellious. Irish jokes are encouraged. Please let us know if you are coming via council email or call Chuck Collins at 973-857-9124, so we know how many "Irishmen" will be attending.

SPECIAL CITIZENS DRIVE

Dates for our drive are as follows:

April 10-11	Kings—Verona
April 17-18	Foodtown—Cedar Grove
April 24-25	Shop Rite—West Orange

Do your duty and volunteer when the time comes. More details and church dates in next month's newsletter.

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, Stephanie Herbert, Kevin Carr, Donna Murphy, Judy Sommer, Roslyn Warmoth, Charles Hasslacher, and Suzanne Flood.

- Please pray for the repose of the souls of those members who have died and their families, especially **James Birmingham** (brother of Michael Birmingham), and **Phyllis Morano** (grandmother of Tony Morano).
- Pray for our seminarians, especially the ones we support, Julius Lucero and Richard Di Brasi
- 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.

GOLF OUTING - JUNE 15, 2010

The date has been set for our council's second annual golf outing. So mark the date—Tuesday, June 15. Tell your boss NOW that you won't be in that day. If you are your own boss, tell your employees you won't be in that day. If you are a stay-at-home dad, tell your wife you are taking the day off.

It will once again be held at Black Bear. More details to come as to cost, etc. Remember this fundraiser benefits the youth groups at Our Lady of the Lake and St. Catherine of Siena.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Donald Vincent	Fr. Robert Gelinis	Kevin Brown	Mark Rodgers
Phil Tummarello	Gregory Mau	Walter Hislop	Rick Flattes

AROUND THE FEDERATION

As Brother Knights bound in charity, unity, and fraternity, we try to support each other's council events. Besides helping out other councils, they are nice events that you and your spouse may enjoy. Here is a listing of some of those events:

Livingston Council—Every Friday during lent they have a Lenten Fish Fry beginning at 6 PM and runs most of the evening.

—Pasta Dinner—every fourth Sunday @ 4 PM

Belleville Council—Saturday February 20, Chicken Dinner. \$10/adult, \$7/child under 12. Dinner served between 4—8 PM. Call Joseph Downey GK @862-220-1160 for info & tickets.

St. Mary's Council, Nutley—Saturday March 27, Oldies Night" Beef Steak Dinner with beer, wine, and soda. \$40. Call Stan Novak 201-513-4992 for tickets.

STATE GOLF OUTING

NJ State K of C is having its golf outing on Tuesday, April 27 at the Knoll Country Club in Boonton. It's a lunch/buffet dinner with greens fee and cart included. Tee off time at 1:00 PM. No golfer fee has been set as of yet, so stay tuned.