



Knight Digest



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April 2021

Calendar of Events

April 8th Mass for our Country
April 10-11 Collect for SCD at Masses
April 12th Council Mtg. 8:10 PM
April 10-24th Food Drive
April 17th Tricky Tray
April 23-25 Special Citizen's Drive
May 13-16 State Convention
August 28th Baseball Game

Dates are subject to change based on the status of the social distancing rules in effect.

Special Citizens Drive

We have been approved to collect on the streets this year. The Township and Police Department have given us their blessing to have a Special Citizens Drive during these Covid 19 times. The dates will be Friday, April 23rd, Saturday, April 24th and Sunday, April 25th from 9am to 11am, 11am to 1pm and 1pm to 3pm. We have a few volunteers already for our locations in town. We have requested five different locals. Would need quite a few members and Columbiettes are more than welcomed to assist us. Last year surprising we were able to distribute \$800.00 to four organizations that have people with intellectual disabilities.

We have reached out to Monsignor Alselm at Saint Michael's and he has approved the weekend of April 10th for the 5:30pm mass and April 11th for all masses on Sunday to also collect. Plus we have requested Mother's day weekend also and that too was approved.

Anyone who would like to send a donation for this great cause which we have been doing for at least 40 years or longer, can do so by sending to the Council care of Special Citizens Chairman.

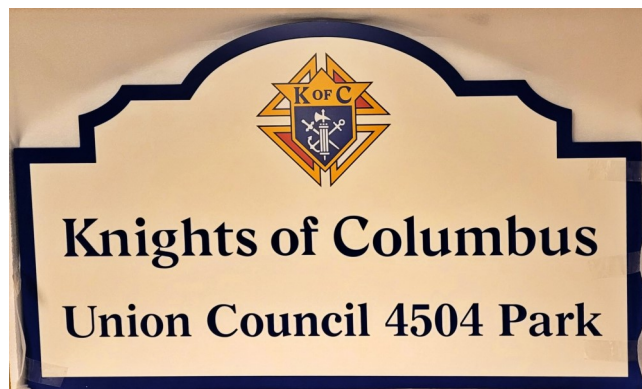
Those that would like to volunteer can contact my cell phone at 908-357-5673 or email mikepeter4275@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mike Peter

New Mini-Park Sign

Our new mini Park sign has been delivered. This sign is a replacement for the original sign installed November 1977. This spring we will install it at the Knights of Columbus Mini Park at Stretcher and Winslow. If interested in helping, please contact any council officer.



State Convention

As it stands the State Convention is still on for **May 13 - 16, 2021** in Wildwood NJ.

We have rooms reserved at the Adventurer. See page 7 for pricing details.

Covid Meeting Preparedness

The Council is working on allowing members to attend the council meetings virtually.

If you wish to be included, please send your email address to:

finsec4504@gmail.com AND

grandknight4504@gmail.com. Please include your membership number. We will continue to hold Council meetings at the hall for now.

Thank you. Len Komar Jr. GK

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or preferably via email to: tomdudek@outlook.com

You must clearly identify all people in photos submitted and at what council event the photo was taken. Photos with alcoholic beverages will not be considered. Photos may also be submitted via email as hi-resolution image files. Hard copy photos will only be returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Swim Club President Mike Harms
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Monthly Meetings

1st. Mon.-----Council Officers
 2nd Mon. -----Council Mtgs.
 2nd Thu. -----Columbiettes
 4th Wed. ----- 4th Degree Assembly
 4rd Thur.-----Columbian Club

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



As we slowly leave winter behind and enter into Spring we are grateful for, and take advantage of, the spurts of warm weather. We've survived the winter cold and the seemingly endless snowstorms. Unseasonably warm days in March made the first work parties of the year pleasant as we prepared and cleaned the patio for the Saint Patrick's Day Party. Special thanks to all who organized, planned, and volunteered to make the Saint Patrick's Day Party such an enjoyable event. Good food, good music, and fantastic company, as well as the warmth of the fire pit, made for a memorable day. And many thanks to all who attended and helped to make the day the success it was.

Please remember: April 17th; the Columbiette's are hosting a virtual tray. Doors will be open at 10 am for socially distanced ticket sales and drop. Tickets will be drawn at 7 pm via Facebook live.

With the end of Lent and resurrection of our Lord comes renewal. The renewal of life, hope, and faith. Just as with Spring, we see the flowers emerge and bring color into the world, so too does the Lord's resurrection brighten the winter of our lives with hope and love. May this renewal of faith continue to blossom within you throughout the year.

As warmer weather begins, the flowers and trees start to bloom; work parties have started at the grove and pool. If you are interested in lending a hand, please reach out to any of our officers. We would greatly appreciate your help as we work to ensure our grounds are prepared for our families to enjoy during the summer season.

Due to the pandemic, I have continued to receive requests for access to virtual meetings. We will continue to hold social distanced meetings at the council hall. However, we are working on including a virtual feed to accommodate anyone who is not comfortable with attending in person. Your voices have been heard, and we are working on it. I thank you all for your interest.

May you and your families stay safe and enjoy the warm weather.

Leonard J. Komar Jr. GK KofC 4504



Columbian Club

The Columbian Club of Union shall present its' annual report for the Council on May 10th. Masks/face covering are required. CDC guidelines will be followed.

JFK Assembly

On behalf of JFK Assembly Faithful Navigator Tony Oliviero, Faithful Captain SK Allen Pascullo presented a replacement flag for Council 4504 Hall to Columbian Club President SK Alex Rivera. The older flag will be modified for parade use.



Knight of the Month

John Bashaw

April 2021



The Knight of the Month for April 2021 is SK John Bashaw. John grew up in Garfield, New Jersey, and graduated from Hasbrouck Heights High School. He has been married to Fran for 16 years, and they have two boys, Kamran and Kiyen. The Bashaw household also

includes two dogs, Kane and Harley, and a cat named Smokey. John is a retired Union County Department of Corrections Police Officer and a former Columbian Club President. He is currently is the Columbian Club Hall Manager, a member of the Italian American Club, and a Coach for his son's Union Little League baseball team.

John is an avid Jeep fan and keeps busy upgrading and tinkering with his Jeep. He also enjoys playing golf, fishing with his sons, and is a wrestling fan. John is an exceptional chef with specialties that include meatloaf, chicken cutlets, and nachos.

John is always available to lend a hand at the Council. He has been instrumental in organizing events which include Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Breakfast with Santa, super bowl parties, and most recently, the St. Patrick's Day Party. John was crucial to helping create the new Manger for the Townhall Nativity scene. From the very beginning, John was there to help with planning and later with the building and assembling. It's a rare occasion not to see his Jeep in the Council parking lot.

John, we thank you for your support and hard work. We congratulate you on being Knight of the Month.

FOOD DRIVE

4/10 - 4/24

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE
BENEFITING
SISTER ANN'S FOOD PANTRY.

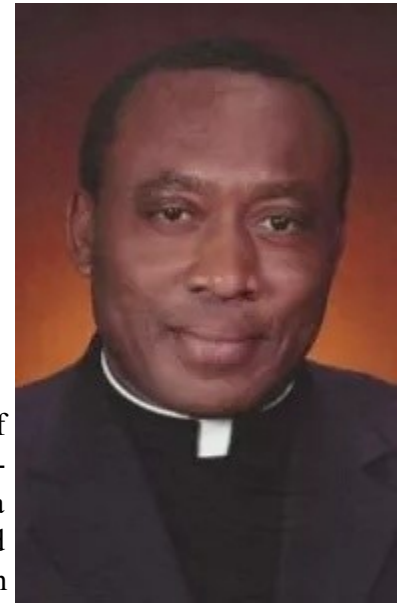
NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
CAN BE DONATED AT THE
COUNCIL.

PLEASE PLACE ALL DONATIONS IN
THE DROP OFF BOX LOCATED IN
THE CORNER OF THE LOUNGE.



For anyone who would like
to donate but doesn't feel
comfortable entering the
Council curbside drop off
donations will be
available on
Friday 4/23 4 pm -7 pm
and
Saturday 4/24 12-4 pm

To make a curbside donation or for more
information please call
Chuck Cababe at (908) 868-8114.



Disappointed with God?

Dear brother knights, this past year has been full of ups and downs and many of us may have run into situations where we feel disappointed with God; disappointed with Him for not helping us out with a problem; for not answering a particular prayer; for letting a loved one die from this virus; etc. Even our Lord Jesus Christ had His own moment: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matt 27:16). It is okay to acknowledge these feelings. For one thing, we wouldn’t be disappointed with God if we didn’t trust Him to come through for us in our troubled situations.

When we think about it, though, disappointment with God is as a result of our needs and desires not being met by Him. I ask God to do something that I want and how I want it, and He fails to do it. So disappointment with God is a failure of my will not being done by Him. But Scripture says, “My ways are not your ways, and my thoughts are not your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:9). In Job 40:8 God asked Job, “Would you discredit my justice? Would you condemn me to justify yourself?”

Is it likely that some of the assumptions we have about life play a big role in our feelings of disappointment toward God and therefore having the right perspective about life and our relationship with God could help in dealing with this matter? Here are some of the hard truths, I believe, we need to consider.

Life is worth more than the things we are disappointed with God about and what, today, we see as a disappointment by God, could easily be tomorrow’s blessings.

Things will not always work out the way we want them to, and we need to accept that this as okay, because no matter how I react to life events, life will go on, with or without me. Nothing is indispensable, everything is expendable, and there are things I cannot change nor do anything about.

Whatever I am going through now is not unique to me and is not a question of “Why me”. As Scripture says, “Nothing has come to you that is not common to the human race” (1 Cor 10:13). Whatever I am going through now is part of what can happen to any human, and it comes with being alive. So, for all the things I cannot predict or control, I need to “Let go and Let God” or rather, I need to “Trust God and get going”.

So, what do I do when I feel disappointed with God? Scripture suggests that we seek after Him even more intensely—to trust that He knows better because He already knows what is in my tomorrow while on the other hand, I do not know what tomorrow will bring; to believe in, and to trust in, His faithfulness to make the best out of my situation; to look back and see what He has done for me in the past and trust that He is able to do it again; to continue to take my situation, in petition and supplication, with thanksgiving, to Him in prayer; to hold unto the hope that, even though “My flesh and my heart may fail, God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever” (Psalm 73:26); and to cling unto the faith that “Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength” (Habakkuk 3:17-19). May the good Lord strengthen us in moments of our weakness, Amen!

Union Columbiettes Virtual Tricky Tray



Tricky Tray

April 17, 2021
Knights of Columbus

1034 Jeanette Avenue, Union, NJ 07083

**** Free Admission ****

Doors open at 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Calling will begin at 7:00pm via Facebook Live

All Winners Will be Noified by Phone for Prize Pick-Up

All Winners Must Present Winning Ticket

Face Coverings Must be Worn at all Times

Diane Lupo at 908.577.6606

We are still going to Wildwood!

While the in-person Convention held by the State Council has been cancelled, we will still be heading to Wildwood for a weekend getaway.

Please confirm your reservation by Sunday April 14th

Thursday May 13th to Sunday May 16th, 2021.

We are currently booking rooms at The Adventurer Oceanfront Inn.

Rates for Two People:

2 Nights = \$278 (Friday & Saturday)

3 Nights = \$375 (Thursday through Saturday)

Additional Charges

Adding a Person + \$15 per night

Upgrade to 3 Room Suite + \$35 per night

Upgrade to 4 Room Suite + 50 per night

To confirm your reservation, please contact: Financial Secretary Luke Sangiamo at (908) 370-7525 or Deputy Grand Knight Phil Cababe at (908) 858-0980

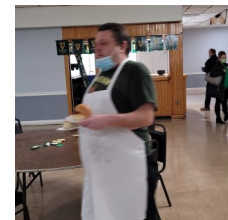
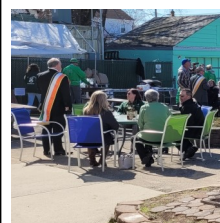
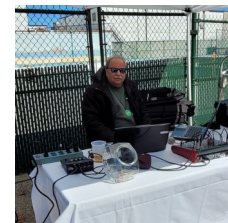
Baseball Trip Update

Those that showed interest to the NY Met game in June. Our contact is allowing us to switch the game to August. The game we are able to change too is against the Nationals on **August 28th** it is showing that it is an evening game.

Any questions please contact Mike Peter on his phone 908-357-5673 or email mikepeter4275@gmail.com



St. Patrick's Day Photos



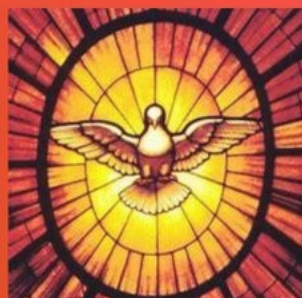
7:00 PM
PATRIOTIC ROSARY
7:30 PM
HOLY MASS

COME TOGETHER TO PRAY
FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND
MERCY FOR OUR COUNTRY

ALL ARE WELCOME

2020
September 3
October 1
November 5
December 3

2021
January 7
February 4
March 4
April 8
May 6
June 3



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FOR OUR
COUNTRY

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