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CHAPTER EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
September 2020				
9/24/20	Thursday	7:30 pm	Chapter Meeting VIRTUAL	St. Anthony of Padua Port Reading, NJ
October 2020				
Postponed until April/May 2021			Pride in our Priests Dinner	<i>The Imperia</i> 124 Easton Ave. Somerset
November 2020				
11/21/20	Saturday	7:30 pm	Memorial Mass	St. Anthony of Padua Church Port Reading, NJ

NEW JERSEY STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE



My Brother
Knights,

I want to offer my congratulations and best wishes to the returning Officers of the Chapter. You have a position of leadership and responsibility in the Chapter, but you also have a lot of opportunity. Opportunity to make a difference. I also want to thank you for a job well done under the most extreme conditions. To say these have been, and are, challenging times is the understatement of the century. But, you have perse-

vered, because that's what Knights do.

The main reason things have been challenging is trying to plan our events around the Coronavirus. Every time we think we've turned the corner and can start getting back to normal, we get another gut-punch. Our State Calendar, and my own calendar, is done in pencil!! A perfect example is the Installation for State Officers and District Deputies. I already postponed it once, from July 11th to September 26th. But, I've to go with our Evite system instead of the traditional invitations, because, as I'm writing this, the governor has scaled back the number of people allowed indoors to 25!. So, we may

have to pivot again. But, we'll do what we have to do as best we can

Brothers, these past few months have been a very trying time for all of us. Not only are we continuing to deal with the worst pandemic in over a century, but it seems like the very fabric of our nation is being torn apart. It all started with a very unfortunate, isolated, incident that has since been used by some as an excuse to try and undermine our society. From the outward hatred of our Police to the vandalism and destruction of private property. We Knights need to stay strong in our faith and use any LEGAL and PEACEFUL means at our disposal to combat these destructive actions.

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I am very happy with the way we finished the Fraternal Year, despite all the obstacles. While we did not reach our membership goal, we came

awfully close and were trending upward for most of the year. Chris Duffett, our State Membership Director, and Scott Williams, our

State Program Director, along with their entire teams, deserve our heartfelt congratulations for a job well done under less than ideal conditions. The Chapter also continues to do great things despite the obstacles. We funded another Ultrasound machine in the Diocese and continue to support the Veterans and Seminarians, as well as planning for our re-scheduled Pride in Priest dinner, hopefully taking place in October. Speaking of Veterans, I was very happy to hear that on July 4th, the Township of Bridgewater officially changed the name of Ardsley Lane to Frank DeVita Lane! Ardsley La is the street where Frank lives. What an honor! And one that is well deserved.

As we begin another Fraternal Year, let's stay focused on what needs to be done, both for the Chapter and for the State. It will not be easy as we navigate the minefield of COVID-19, but as I've said before, our Knights always come through when needed, in spite of any adversity. One of the biggest challenges this year, other than membership, will be Ultrasound funding. When Churches get back to operating somewhat normally, I will reach out to the Bishops to seek their help in urging their parishes to support an Ultrasound campaign. In the meantime, I'd like to see the Chapter start coming up with ways to replenish that important fund.

On behalf of my Brother Officers, we wish you good health and a safe return to normal, everyday life. Tamara and I continue to keep you in our prayers and our fervent wish is that this crisis ends soon so that we can again enjoy each other's company in person.

Vivat Jesus
Vinnie Tavormina
State Deputy

NOTES FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Dear Brother Knights,

The Officers of Chapter 4 would like to congratulate the new Grand Knights as well as the District Deputies. Now is the time to have meetings with your staff to discuss and forecast the game plan for this next year. Summer is almost over and we still have many restrictions. As of this writing, we still can't go into restaurants and the debate goes on as to whether the schools will open in September or a good plan which will protect our Teachers and Students. I am sure we all have differing opinions of these topics as well as many mothers. One thing we all can agree on is the importance of recruiting new members into our Order. The new members can bring ideas and enthusiasm to our Councils. Supreme has done a lot to help in that effort. On line enrollment is about three years old and you have received new members through that mechanism. Supreme Council has adjusted the quotas and other criteria to make it easier to achieve certain awards to membership. Don't be afraid to ask someone to join our Order. It is still the best way to get new members.

We want to extend my sincerest gratitude to our Brother Knights and families. Our family wants to thank for your condolence expressions of Mass Cards, Sympathy Cards and Donations relative to My Foster Brother Leonard Rosko who passed away July 20th.

Thank you for your support, patience, and understanding. The last few months have been challenging in the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, remember we are all in this together. Keep the faith.

As we continue to fight against the spread of COVID-19, the Knights of Columbus maintains its focus on protecting the health and well-being of our membership. We are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as our local Government.

Experts project an active 2020 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs through Nov. 30. Additionally, there is always the possibility of other weather events affecting other regions. As Members of the Knights of Columbus, we are always prepared for natural disasters. We involve thoughtful planning from seasoned, multidisciplinary teams.

Fraternally,
Joseph L. Sabella
Chapter 4 President

CHAPTER 4 VETERANS UPDATE

In lieu of our annual trip to the Somerset Patriots from the VA homes, the Chapter will be doing a fund-raiser to contribute to the recreation accounts at the Menlo Park, Lyons and Lebanon facilities. These men and women are also stuck at home like many of us, and there are many items that can be bought to enhance their current living situation. Donations of any amount can be made to "Chapter 4 Veterans Fund" and forwarded to Scott Minnihan, Chapter Treasurer, 29 Richter Avenue, Milltown, N.J. 08850. We will keep this campaign open until the end of September. Thanks for your continued support of our men and women who served for all of us and our country.

Bill Hoffman, FDD

2020-2021 STATE DIRECTORY

The 2020-2021 New Jersey State Directory has been updated based on last-minute input and corrections.

The version "To date" is on-line at www.njkofc.org; you must be logged in with your STATE username and password. Click on "Resources, Manuals & Directories," and then select "State Directory."

The 2020-2021 State Directory (*In Progress*) will be at the bottom of your screen. It is divided into sections; select all categories where your council, assembly, or chapter/federation might be listed and read VERY carefully and report any and all changes to **John Gazis** at 2020directory@njkofc.org and also webmaster@njkofc.org.

Depending on the details of the change, you might have to resubmit the form.

STATE SHIRTS AVAILABLE



With the Supreme Convention having gone virtual this year the meeting for the Convention that would have initiated

the purchasing of the State Shirt for this year never happened.

A flyer that includes pictures and order form for this year's shirt is available online at njchapter4.com/shirts.html.

THE 138TH SUPREME CONVENTION



I was privileged this year to be a New Jersey State delegate at the 138th Supreme Convention held virtually on August 4th and 5th at the

Supreme Council in New Haven, Connecticut. It was originally planned to be held in Washington,

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DC but the COVID-19 pandemic said otherwise -- so it became a virtual convention conducted as it would have been if it were live in Washington, albeit minus the closing Supreme Dinner.

The New Jersey State delegation met at the Doubletree Hotel in Somerset - nice for me, its only an 8 minute drive and I didn't need to stay overnight as the other delegates did.

Our delegation consisted of the following representatives:

- **S.D. Vincent Tavormina-Jamesburg**
- **P.S.D. Robert E. Hatler-Rutherford**
Vincent J. LoBello-Cedar Knolls
- **Thomas M. Perrotti -Bridgeton**
- **Andrew Schopfer-Union**
- **Vincent P. Lombardi -Woodland Park**
- **Charles T. Hollis -New Milford**
- **Francis A. Rees-Somerset**
- **Peter Donchak-East Windsor**
- **Deacon Stephen G. Scott -Parlin**

Joining the Doubletree group in addition to the formally selected delegates listed above were **Supreme Director Daniel Rossi, State Treasurer Ray Sands** and **State Warden Russ Petrocelli**.

The total number of delegates present were 527 brothers.

Frank Rees, PFN
Chapter 4 Vice-President

THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

Everyone wants to find happiness. We all try to be happy in our relationships, in their jobs, and just in general.

Life puts obstacles in the way that prevents us from finding the happiness we crave because no one's life is perfect because we are not perfect. We all have problems, finances, health, or family and friends. We all could use some happiness especially in today's world full of hate and the COVID 19 pandemic.

Love makes us happy because LOVE IS BLIND to imperfection. We all

want to be loved, accepted for who we really are, imperfect. The first step is we need to love ourselves. Do we believe we are a good person? Do we help others and try to make the world a better place for everyone? Can we count on ourselves to always do the right thing? Once we are ready to trust in ourselves we can open our hearts to someone else. To trust someone with our hearts is a very difficult thing to do yet so rewarding, it is beyond description. There is no greater happiness than knowing we are truly loved with all our faults because it is so rare and difficult to find.

We need to remember this; we can only find true happiness in one person: GOD OUR FATHER.

If we open our hearts to God and trust in the LORD with all our heart, we will be truly happy. Despite we are not perfect, despite our sins, GOD STILL LOVES US. With God, we have no fear; instead, we have hope, peace, and happiness.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADOPT NEW LOGO

Our Brand Signature

Over 130 years, we have developed a rich heritage. In the same way we're evolving our strategy to show the appeal of Catholic values for the modern man, we're evolving our logo to show how our identity translates for a modern world.

The Knights of Columbus logo is made up of two components: the emblem, and the wordmark. While these components have been updated, we have retained the integrity of the original emblem, while optimizing it for contemporary reproduction methods. Our wordmark uses our new typeface, McGivney. We also use this typeface

in the emblem, so it is even more closely linked to the wordmark.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

New Emblem and Wordmark



Retired Emblem

PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Loving god, we come before you in our time of need. We lay before you our concerns and fears over the spread of the coronavirus. We know that you are mightier than all our fear and that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names. We ask, in the name of Jesus, that you stop the spread of the coronavirus. In your mercy, heal those who are sick and lead those who have died into your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the mighty names of Jesus. Amen.

SAINT CAJETAN'S STORY

Like most of us, Cajetan seemed headed for an "ordinary" life—first as a lawyer, then as a priest engaged in the work of the Roman Curia.

His life took a characteristic turn when he joined the Oratory of Divine Love in Rome, a group devoted to

piety and charity, shortly after his ordination at 36. When he was 42 he founded a hospital for incurables at Venice. At Vicenza, he joined a “disreputable” religious community that consisted only of men of the lowest stations of life—and was roundly censured by his friends, who thought his action was a reflection on his family. He sought out the sick and poor of the town and served them.

The greatest need of the time was the reformation of a Church that was “sick in head and members.” Cajetan and three friends decided that the best road to reformation lay in reviving the spirit and zeal of the clergy. Together they founded a congregation known as the Theatines—from Teate [Chieti] where their first superior-bishop had his see. One of the friends later became Pope Paul IV.

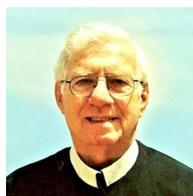
They managed to escape to Venice after their house in Rome was wrecked when Emperor Charles V’s troops sacked Rome in 1527. The Theatines were outstanding among the Catholic reform movements that took shape before the Protestant Reformation. Cajetan founded a *monte de pieta*—“mountain or fund of piety”—in Naples, one of many charitable, nonprofit credit organizations that lent money on the security of pawned objects. The purpose was to help the poor and protect them against usurers. Cajetan’s little organization ultimately became the Bank of Naples, with great changes in policy.

NOTABLE KNIGHTS

- Ed Sullivan - TV Entertainer
- Myles Connolly - Hollywood Screenwriter
- Joyce Kilmer - Poet
- John F. Kennedy - US President

- Al Smith - NY State Governor
- Sargent Shriver - Peace Corps Founder
- Louis St. Laurent - Canadian Attorney General
- Jeremiah Denton - US Senator from Alabama
- John “Jack” Reagan - Father of President Ronald Reagan
- John Chang Myon - South Korean Ambassador
- Daniel Colwell - Superior Court of Connecticut Officer
- James Connolly - Gold Medalist Triple Jump 1896 Olympics
- Ross Youngs - Baseball Hall of Famer
- Connie Mack - Baseball Hall of Famer
- Johnny Evers - Baseball Hall of Famer
- Babe Ruth - Baseball Hall of Famer
- Vince Lombardi - Legendary Football Coach
- Jim Thorpe - Sports Legend
- Floyd Patterson - Heavyweight Champion
- Lt. William Fitzsimmons - First casualty WW1
- Fr. William Davitt - Chaplain Last WW1 casualty
- St. Rafael Guizar Valencia - Bishop of Mexico
- Fr. Isias X. Edralin, SJ - Philippine POW WW2
- Blessed Carlos M. Rodriguez - Author
- Fr. Robert Graham, SJ - Author
- Gene Kranz - Apollo 13 Flight Director
- Alfred Fuentes - NYC Fire Chief First Responder 9/11 Attack
- 13 Mexican Martyrs (Priests) of the War of 1926

In Memorium



It is with heavy hearts that we share the sad news that our dear “**Brother Bernie**” died unexpectedly today, June 9th, in Towson, Maryland. Brother Bernie had been living in our Saint John Neumann Residence at Stella Maris in Timonium since August 2019 after having ministered here at San

Alfonso for over 34 of his 67 years as a religious brother.

Bernie’s goodness and kindness to us as our confrere, friend, and colleague in ministry were a great blessing to our Redemptorist Community here and throughout our Congregation.

In his ministry at San Alfonso, Brother Bernie deeply touched the hearts of countless retreatants by his warm and gracious welcome and by his generous and dedicated spirit of service. He loved the beauty of the ocean setting at San Alfonso and loved his ministry to the people of God who came to pray and to take some rest here.

We mourn his passing but praise and thank God for the gift of our Brother Bernie’s life and ministry. A humble, quiet man of prayer, he was a good and gracious soul, ever grateful for the blessings of his faith, his family, his friends, and his life and ministry as a Redemptorist. May our Brother Bernie, God’s ‘good and faithful servant,’ rest now in peace with Jesus, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, and all the Saints in glory.

We will look forward to celebrating Brother Bernie’s life here at San Alfonso at some future date when health guidelines allow us to fittingly come together in joyful remembrance of him. God bless and best to all!

The Redemptorist Community of San Alfonso Retreat House

The Brother Knights from New Jersey Knights of Columbus Councils that attend the retreats at San Alfonso Retreat House may remember “Brother Bernie.”

May He Rest In Peace