

KNIGHT LIFE

APRIL 2021



GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT

As the month of March 2021 has just ended, we begin the month of April with the end of the Lenten Season and the celebration of Easter. Spring is in full swing with signs of new life in front of us, including flowering forsythia bushes, yellow daffodils, and green grass. I cannot believe we only have three months left in this Columbian Year, but I am so amazed and proud of all you and our accomplishments this year. We are not done yet. We once again had a very busy month of March, and I anticipate another busy month for April.

On Monday evening, March 8, 2021, Brothers Lance Maloney, Dave Burns, Jeff Bourne and I presented a special service award to firefighter Kelly Lenarski, who is a member of the Lawrenceville Fire Department (Photos below).

On Saturday March 13, 2021, we sponsored our annual Lenten Retreat at the Church of Saint Ann. A morning of reflection and renewal featured John Sikorski's friend, Father Garry R. Koch, as the guest speaker. 30 people witnessed this retreat in person, while over 200 watched it virtually from home. Many have already requested he come back next year (Photos below).

On March 20, 2021 Brian Ciuffreda, with support from Council 7000 and students & faculty from the Princeton Charter School, participated in a virtual Polar Bear Plunge benefiting Special Olympics. A dunk tank and a splash pool were set up at the Princeton Charter School. Council 7000 members Lance Maloney, David Hitzel, and I also participated. Team "Below Zero Heroes" has raised over \$5,000, and it is not too late to donate (Photos below).

On March 27, 2021 we ran the annual Council 7000, Free Throw Competition, albeit in a modified outdoor setting. Thanks to Brother Joe Amodio for running this program outdoors at Village Park in Lawrenceville. Although we only had three participants, we were very well represented as a Council as 15 volunteers showing up. It was very nice to get together in person with those brothers that appeared that day.

Looking ahead to April, on Sunday April 25, 2021, four of our Council 7000 brothers will participate in the next Patriotism Degree that will be completed virtually. Good luck gentlemen!

On April 30 & May 1, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Halo Farm, and in memory of our late Treasurer, John Stever, we are holding our annual God's Special Children Fund Drive. I am still looking for a person to take over this program. Please reach out to me to participate as we are looking for volunteers for one hour time slots. We will also collect money at Captain Paul's on Saturday, May 1, 2021 from Noon to 5:00 PM.

On the weekend of April 11, 2021, we are holding our next membership recruitment drive. Our Chancellor, Lex Donawa, needs our help after each of the masses. We are looking for volunteers to speak from the pulpit after each mass. Consider asking your family members and friends to join us. Supreme is waiving its membership fees through the end of June, and the virtual ECUF remains an option for all.

On April 12, 2021, the Knights of Columbus Insurance is sponsoring a Long Term Care Insurance Webinar. In order to fulfill our qualifications for the Founders Award, we need to have Council 7000 representation. Our Field Agent Henry Angelucci and I encourage you to register for this webinar. See Flyer Below.

Now through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 2021, Home Front is attempting to set a Guinness World record by collecting 250,000 diapers and baby wipes for families in need. I encourage all of you and your families/friends to support their efforts. See Flyer Below.

Within our Council, the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" (LNNB) initiative continues. Keep supporting our Brother Knights, the parish, and the local community while feeding the hungry and donating blood. We have many Brothers within the entire Knights of Columbus family who have either passed due to COVID-19 or continue to suffer with this virus. Please keep all of these individuals in your thoughts and prayers.

Winter is finally over and spring is now here. My wife Melissa and I hope you have a happy and blessed Easter. May God Bless You All! Happy Easter!

Vivat Jesus,
GK Tim Hitzel

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 4: Easter Sunday
- April 10-11: Spring Membership Drive
- April 12: Long Term Care Webinar (Flyer below)
- April 25: Virtual Polar Bear Plunge (Brian Ciuffreda)
- April 30- May 1: God's Special Children Drive
(In Memory of SK John Stever)
Times: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Halo Farm)
(Fri/Sat), Noon – 5:00 PM (Captain Paul's) (Sat)
- Through May 9: Home Front/Mothers Day Diaper Challenge
(Flyer below)
- May 15: State Convention (Virtual)
Time: TBD
- June 9: Red Cross Blood Drive
Time: 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM (FDC)
Registration Link:
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/account-login.html>
- June 14: Flag Day Ceremony
Time: TBD (Mercer County Park)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in your prayers:

- Sal Zulla
- Brett Johnson
- Lou Peoples
- GK Joe Bendas, Princeton Council 636
- FDD (32) SK Matt Tydryszewski Trenton council 355

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* Indicates members that must have completed ARMATUS TRAINING and Have back-ground checks

LITURGICAL OVERVIEW

APRIL 2021

DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit. The first three days of the month fall during the season of Lent which is represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remainder of April falls during the Easter season which is represented by the liturgical color white — the color of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

After our solemn commemoration of the last days and death of Our Lord we will spend the month of April celebrating. As Spring breaks forth even nature will join us as buds and blooms begin to surface and we spend this month basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We continue throughout the entire month our cry,

“Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen.” The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized. The unfathomable mercy of God is made manifest today if we but accept His most gracious offer. Easter is the feast of feasts, the unalloyed joy and gladness of all Christians. This truly is “the day that the Lord has made.” From Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

The saints that we will focus on this month
Those who have already shared in the rewards of the Resurrection are:

St. Martin I (April 13),
St. Bernadette (April 16),
St. Anselm (April 21),
St. George and St. Adalbert (April 23),
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (April 24),
Our Lady of Good Counsel (April 26),
St. Louis Mary de Montfort and St. Peter Chanel (April 28),
St. Catherine of Siena (April 29)
and St. Pius V (April 30).

The feast of St. Mark (April 25) falls on Sunday and are superseded the Sunday liturgy. The feasts of St. Francis of Paola (April 2), St. Isidore (April 4), St. Vincent Ferrer (April 5), St. John Baptist de la Salle (April 7) are superseded by the Holy Week and Easter Week Liturgies.

A TIME OF NEW LIFE

April boasts the most solemn and sublime event of human history: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the Paschal mystery. Though the way to the Resurrection was the Via Crucis, the Sacrificial Lamb of God is now and forever Christ our Light, the Eternal high priest of the New Covenant. And his sorrowful mother, the Stabat Mater of Good Friday, is now the jubilant Mother of the Regina Caeli.

We the members of Christ's Mystical Body exalt in the mystery by which we were redeemed.

If in Baptism we were buried with Christ, so also will we share in his resurrection. By his death we were reborn; "by his stripes we were healed." (Is 53:5) Easter, the epicenter of time, is the event that links time and eternity. It is indeed "the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." (Ps 118:24)

COUNCIL 7000 FREE THROW COMPETITION



Diaper Challenge 2021

Diaper Challenge:

Help us set a Guinness World Record by collecting
250,000 diapers and baby wipes for families in need!

Now thru Mother's Day, May 9th



**1 in 3 families has trouble accessing enough diapers
to keep babies dry and healthy***

*National Diaper Bank Network

Meet the Challenge!

- Organize a drive,
- Purchase items off our Amazon wishlist,
OR bring donations to our Donation Center
- Donate to our Resource Center by visiting homefrontnj.org

Questions? call 609-989-9417 x133 or email homefront@homefrontnj.org



DIAPER DROP OFF

1880 Princeton Ave, Lawrenceville
Mon.-Fri. 9am-3pm, Sat. 9am-12 noon
All sizes needed!

[Follow us on social media to learn more about our work and diaper need.](#)

If you are interested in helping, [make a donation of diapers through our Amazon Wish List](#) or just give them a call: tel: (609) 989-9417. To make a cash donation, simply click the link below.

[Click Here Donate to Support the HomeFront Diaper Resource Center](#)

Families that are living on low incomes are spending a lot of their income on diapers. There are no state or federal child safety-net programs that allocate dollars specifically for the purchase of diapers.* You cannot use food stamps on diapers. The Diaper Resource Center creates a little room in the budget so that struggling families trying to make ends meet can have help accessing diapers. If that need goes unmet, hard choices, like less frequent changes, can lead to consequences for both baby and parents.

"We have seen the most horrific cases of diaper rash because women and men change on a set schedule as opposed to when there's need because they just don't have enough," said Executive Director Connie Mercer "The kind of shame that women feel, that a parent feels, when they can't keep baby clean is overwhelming."

And there's something else to consider, at first glance, a diaper may not seem like a key ingredient to getting a job, but daycare programs require diapers, and most say the parents have to provide them.

"This is about helping parents work. If children need access to disposable diapers to attend a daycare program, without those diapers, parents can't go to work. Childcare is a critical link to help families get to work and diapers are a key part of that," Mercer says.

*National Diaper Bank Network

Polar Bear Plunge

“Due to the pandemic, the traditional Polar Bear Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics could not be held at Seaside Heights NJ. Each team had to come up with their own version. On March 20, 2021 PGK Brian Ciuffreda, with support from Council 7000 and students/faculty from the Princeton Charter School, participated in a dunk



LENTEN RETREAT

"Council 7000 sponsored a Lenten Retreat on March 13, 2021 from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM with the featured speaker, Father Garry Koch. 30 people attended in person while there were over 200 views via YouTube."



SPECIAL FIREFIGHTER SERVICE AWARD

Attached are photos from the March 8, 2021 special service award presentation to volunteer firefighter Kelly Lenarski of the Lawrenceville Fire Company. She is recognized for her outstanding service to the community of Lawrence Township. Brothers Lance Maloney, Jeff Bourne, Dave Burns, and GK Tim Hitzel were all present at this special presentation.



What is Long Term Care?

When is the best time
to start planning?

Will our family care
for us?

Doesn't Medicare
cover LTC?

What will extended
care cost?



You are invited to join our Long Term Care Webinar
where these questions and more will be answered!!

Sponsored by:

Knights of Columbus Insurance - McGeehan Agency

Date: April 12, 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Please visit www.njkofo.org/mcgeehan to register.
Reserve your spot today - Space is limited!!



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



TRENTON DIOCESE FEDERATION KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS



February 21, 2021

BIENNIAL BISHOP'S APPRECIATION DINNER - SAVE THE DATE

Worthy Trenton Diocese District Deputies and Grand Knights,

On Friday, October 1, 2021, The Trenton Diocese Federation will be hosting its Biennial Appreciation Dinner for Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. The dinner is open to Knights and their Families. Each Council in the Diocese is asked to participate in this show of appreciation for our Bishop by presenting a monetary gift to Bishop O'Connell. Checks for Council (or individual) gifts should be made payable to Bishop O'Connell. It would be appreciated if you could add this to your Council Calendar of Events and Budget (if applicable) for the new Columbian Year.

The event will take place at the Great Hall at Saint David the King Church, One New Village Rd., Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Please inform your Council members of this special evening as we come together in prayer and fellowship to Honor Bishop O'Connell. Bishop O'Connell has been very supportive of the Knights, including a special Beatification Mass for our Founder Father McGivney, and the installation of a commissioned portrait of Father McGivney at the Co-Cathedral. We look forward to recapturing the success and good times had by Bishop O'Connell and all at the last Dinner conducted in 2019. Please come out again to show our support for our Bishop and the Diocese of Trenton!

We are hopeful the restrictions of the pandemic will enable us to gather. However, it was important to reserve the date on the Bishop's calendar and get the word out to our Councils to assist them in their advance planning. Further information and a registration form will be forwarded to you by the end of June.

Thank You!!!

Faternally,

Edward Michalak
President – Trenton Diocese Federation

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