



THE ROUNDTABLE

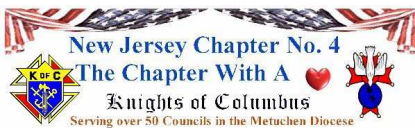


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COMING EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
August 2018				
8/3	Thursday	8:00 pm	Council Meeting	SMS cafeteria
September 2018				
9/4	Wednesday	8:00 pm	Assembly Meeting	Our Lady of Peace
9/5	Thursday	8:00 pm	Council Meeting	SMS cafeteria



presented the New Jersey State Council Newsletter Award to St. Matthias Council for its publication of *The Roundtable*.

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings to our brothers who celebrate birthdays in July:

- **Martin Slyman** — July 2
- **Thomas Aussem** — July 7
- **William Barba** — July 8
- **James Hnasko** — July 10
- **Edward Marotto** — July 13
- **David Ryden** — July 18
- **Robert Zaborowski** — July 19
- **Ronald Pavone** — July 21
- **Mark Stevens** — July 24
- **William Downey** — July 27

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings to our brothers who celebrate birthdays in August:

- **William Oberlander** — August 1
- **James Sabella** — August 1
- **Robert Hicks** — August 2
- **Rod Cohen** — August 5
- **Robert McGill** — August 10
- **Frank Rees** — August 14
- **Carter Coudriet** — August 15
- **Scott Kurtz** — August 18

The next Chapter 4 Meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 at the South Amboy Council #4226, 308 Fourth St., South Amboy, NJ at 8:00 pm.

JUNE BLOOD DRIVE



The Blood Drive sponsored by St. Matthias Council on June 25 collected 27

pints of the precious liquid.

THE ROUNDTABLE WINS STATE AWARD

At the New Jersey State Convention in May at Wildwood, NJ, the State Council of the Knights of Columbus

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY



Belated birthday greetings to our brothers who celebrate birthdays in June:

- **William Csehi** — June 4
- **Sean Smith** — June 7
- **Michael Catalano** — June 7
- **Henry Eichert** — June 8
- **Phil Habrukowich** — June 10
- **Michael Harlan** — June 12
- **Joseph Jozak** — June 12
- **Anthony Ekhelar** — June 13
- **Louis Nepote** — June 13
- **Glen Miller** — June 18
- **Chuck Ostrom** — June 22
- **Steven Riccardi** — June 26
- **William Wehner** — June 27
- **Thomas Szabo** — June 28
- **Ryan Downey** — June 29

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- **George Cook** — August 21
- **James Weber** — August 25
- **Ken Stewart** — August 29
- **William Downey** — July 27

HONORARY MEMBER



Another of our brothers have joined the elite group of Honorary Life members, **SK Glen Miller**.

LOCAL EVENTS

Several local councils have scheduled events that might be of interest to other Knights.

Here is a list of those events:

Nativity of Our Lord Council #14658

1st Annual Golf Outing
Sunday, Aug. 13, 2018
Monroe, NJ

- **Middlesex Council #857**

6th Annual “Knight” at the Races
Sunday, May 19, 2018
Monmouth Park, NJ

Please go to www.njchapter4.com/events.html for more information about these events.

VETERAN'S OUTREACH PROJECT

St. Augustine of Canterbury Council #8415 will be doing their usual volunteering at the Veterans’ Memorial Home at Menlo Park, 132 Evergreen Road, Edison, NJ from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

They will be transporting the wheelchair-bound residents to the music program in the central area of the Home and then back to their individual areas.

Help us serve those who have served their country and their fellow Americans. Contact **SK Byron Dyer** at b_dyer@comcast.net or 732-821-7585.

DUES INCREASE FOR 2019

At the June meeting members voted to increase the annual dues from the current \$32 to \$40 beginning next year.

The dues you pay to the Council are used to support the many charities that the Council supports. The charities that the Council supports include:

- The Rutgers Catholic Center
- Wreaths Across America
- Boy Scout and Girl Scout projects
- Veteran's Affairs
- Pro-Life Activities
- Center for Great Expectations
- SMS annual Golf event
- SMS annual Tricky-tray activities
- SMS annual Night of Winners event
- SMS annual Trunk or Treat Night
- Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign
- Christmas gifts for SMS maintenance staff.

Also, your dues pays the:

- annual per capita tax to the Supreme Council
- annual per capita tax to the NJ State Council
- annual flat-fee dues to Chapter 4.

PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE

You can now pay your annual dues online using your credit card or PayPal account.

Simply go to www.stmatthiasokfc.com/dues.html.

YOUNG VS. GEEZER

The following satirical conversation was submitted by SK Johnny Amato, the current Aid to the State Deputy for Metuchen Diocese.

An old physician, Doctor Gordon Geezer, became very bored in retirement and decided to re-open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor Digger Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Aaagh! -- This is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't -- that is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story

Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer."

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

St. Matthias Council again this year volunteered at the Special Olympics competition in May at the College of New Jersey. Under the direction of Special Olympics Director **Jim Zafian** our members served as score keepers, bench coaches, and general field assistants.

Pictured below are (L to R): **Robert Quinn, PGK**; **Bill Hanily, GK**; and **Rod Cohen**. Also present, but not pictured was **Rich Biunno** (photograph courtesy of Denis McGrath).



CHAPTER 4 ELECTS OFFICERS

The following officers have been elected to serve for the 2019 year at Chapter 4:

- President -- **Ron Fojtlin, FDD**
- Vice President -- **Joe Sabella, FDD**
- Secretary -- **Frank Rees, PFN**
- Treasurer -- **Scott Minnihan**

THE SCAPULAR MEDAL

The brown scapular is one of the most beloved Marian devotionals in the history of the Church.

But what is it? Where did it come from?

The scapular is a sacramental. (It comes from the Latin word scapula, which means “shoulder blade”). It is made of two rectangular squares of cloth attached by strings. It is placed over the head, and worn with one square in front and the other in back.

Tradition tells us that Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251. Simon was a prior general of the Carmelites and had been praying for the order, which was undergoing intense trials. It is said that Mary appeared to him, surrounded by angels, and gave him the scapular, saying:

“Receive, my beloved son, this habit of thy order...whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire.”



Blessed Mother giving the scapular to Simon Stock .

Notice that the scapular given to Simon was not the little one we are used to—it was actually a piece of the religious habit, which some religious still wear today.

Eventually a smaller, more practical scapular was designed for the laity who desired to participate in this devotion. It is usually worn under the clothing.

Any Catholic can wear the scapular—even children! There is a scapular investment ceremony which a priest can perform. After that, you simply wear the scapular faithfully and keep the spiritual commitments that are attached to it.

It is important to remember that the scapular is not a “magic amulet.” We cannot wear it, live a sinful life, and expect to be saved from hell.

“The Scapular is an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary...and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.”

The scapular is not necessary for salvation. But it is a powerful sacramental, and a truly amazing gift from the Blessed Mother.

If you haven't embraced the scapular and its promises, you should! When worn in faith, the scapular is a devotion which leads us to holiness and protects us from eternal damnation.



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA
Because it's the solution for our times!

Saint Joseph, look
I am tired tonight,
But somehow I think
that you care;
For being a father
and one who works
Are things that
both of us share.

It tires a man,
yet the heart is high,
For, Patron Saint,
it's all worthwhile.
Its rich reward
is a loving wife,
And joyous light
in a child's smile.

O, father, worker,
bear with me,
Help me, Saint Joseph,
to do my best,
To love and protect
my family
'Til work shall cease
and heaven is rest. *Amen.*

**A FATHER'S
PRAYER**
to Saint Joseph

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2018 DUES YET?

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