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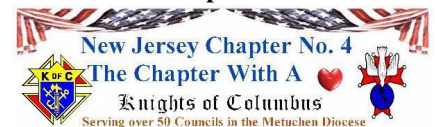
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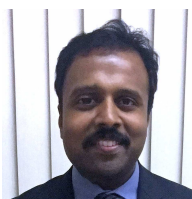
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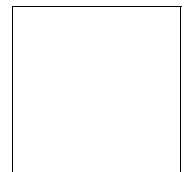
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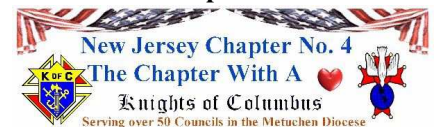


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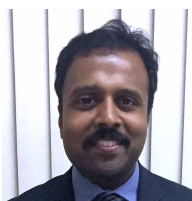
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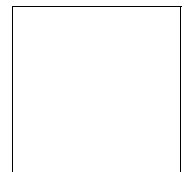
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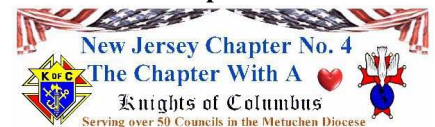


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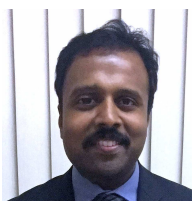
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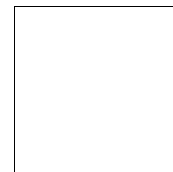
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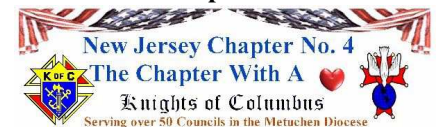
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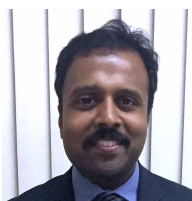
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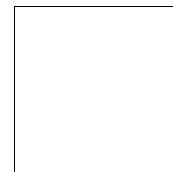
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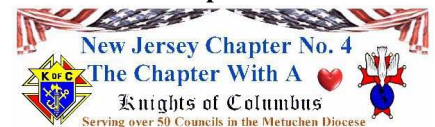
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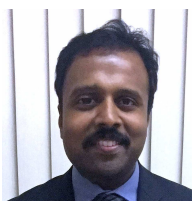
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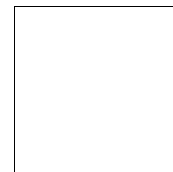
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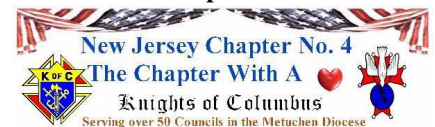
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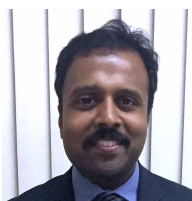
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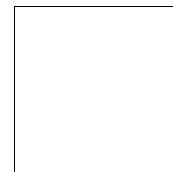
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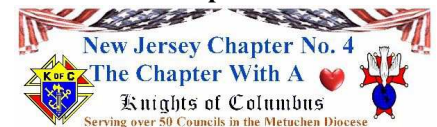
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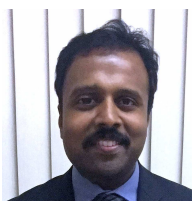
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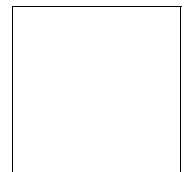
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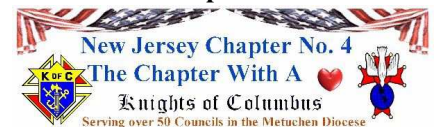
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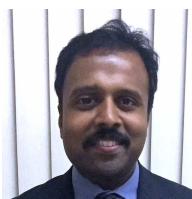
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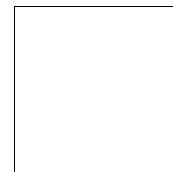
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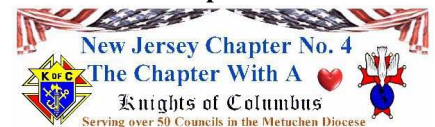


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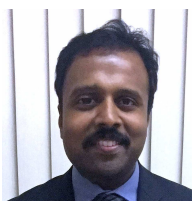
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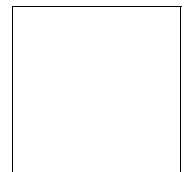
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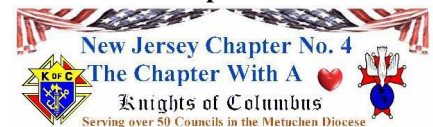
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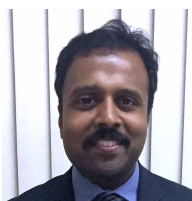
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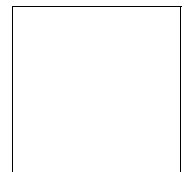
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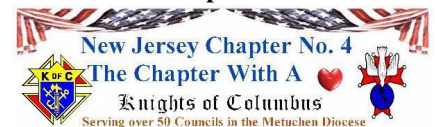
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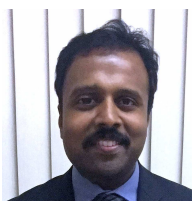
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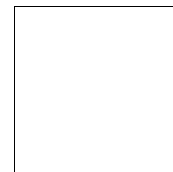
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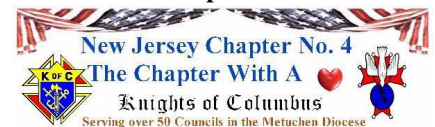
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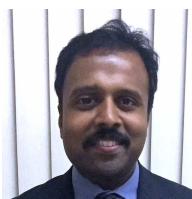
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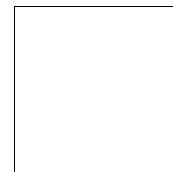
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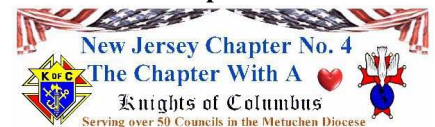
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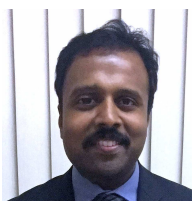
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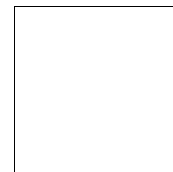
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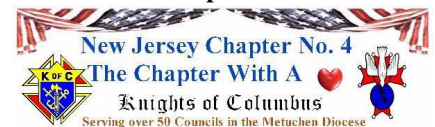
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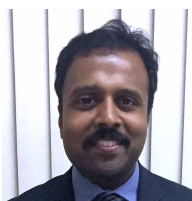
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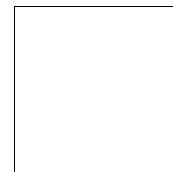
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# THE ROUNDTABLE



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## COMING EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>October 2019</b>				
10/13	Sunday	After Mass	Pancake Breakfast	SMS cafeteria
10/18-20	Fri-Sun	NA	State Retreat	San Alfonso Long Branch, NJ
10/25	Friday	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat	SMS Parking Area
10/21	Monday	8:00 pm	Assembly Meeting	Our Lady of Peace Council #11378 North Brunswick, NJ
<b>November 2019</b>				
11/7	Thursday	8:00 pm	Council Meeting	SMS cafeteria
11/18	Monday	8:00 pm	Assembly Meeting	Our Lady of Peace Council #11378 North Brunswick, NJ
11/10	Sunday	10:00 am	Fourth Degree Exemplification	Tropicana Hotel Atlantic City, NJ

### HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY



Birthday greetings to our brothers who celebrate birthdays in October:

- Chris Lezny — Oct. 1
- Francis Sellinger — Oct. 8
- Cruzaldo Cruz — Oct. 12
- John Martinez — Oct. 14
- Charlie Hicks — Oct. 15
- Charles Watts — Oct. 16
- John Schunk — Oct. 17
- Brian Regan — Oct. 23
- Mario Siano — Oct. 26
- Armand Pizza — Oct. 27
- Richard Manzo — Oct. 28

- Charles Mac Ewen — Oct. 31

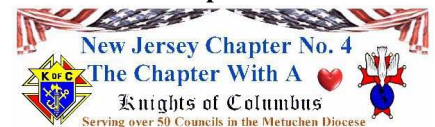
### HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY



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- Bert Coudriet — Nov. 5
- Mark Milano — Nov. 6
- Robert Bancone — Nov. 8
- Roy Mondt — Nov. 11
- Henry Rollins — Nov. 12
- John Baum — Nov. 19
- Richard Straczynski — Nov. 19
- William Hanily — Nov. 22
- Robert Balbierz — Nov. 24
- Donald Manco — Nov. 29

- James Zafian — Nov. 26
- Robert Tami — Nov. 27
- Donald Kiselyk — Nov. 29
- Andrew Prokop — Nov. 29



The organization known as the New Jersey Chapter No. 4 of the Knights of Columbus consists of the councils of the Order within the Diocese of Metuchen.

The primary purpose of the Chapter is to promote the well being of the Order within the Chapter boundaries. The object of the Chapter is to consider all matters of Catholic interest,

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cils of the Order within the Diocese of Metuchen.

## CHRISTIAN OR ANTI-CHRISTIAN CULTURE?



Dear Brothers,

I am so happy that our brother Frank Rees asked me to write a reflection for the newsletter of St. Matthias Knights of Columbus. Father

McGivney's central mission in founding the Knights, as I understand, was to protect and strengthen Christian family life. The secular culture we live in today has a very successful way of squeezing the spiritual out of our lives. A study I came across listed the "Top 10 Issues Facing the Families Today" as follows: 1. Anti-Christian culture, 2. Divorce, 3. Busyness, 4. Absent father figure, 5. Lack of discipline, 6. Financial pressures, 7. Lack of communication, 8. Negative media influences, 9. Balance of work and family, 10. Materialism.

Does it surprise you that 'Anti-Christian culture' is the number one issue facing families? That is a reality we are experiencing more and more from our culture and especially from the media. The media's attitude towards Christianity is not one that encourages the families as we do. In the book "The Silencing of God: The Dismantling of America's Christian Heritage," Dr. Dave Miller has stated that "for the last 50 years, sinister forces—from humanism, atheism, and evolution to social liberalism, pluralism, and "political correctness"—have been aggressive in their assault on the Christian religion. They have succeeded in gradually dismantling

to adopt such measures that protects and promotes these interests, the general welfare of the councils comprising the Chapter

The next Chapter 4 Meeting will be a Memorial Mass on Thursday, Nov.

21, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Council #11378, 277 Washington Rd., North Brunswick, NJ. This organization is known as the New Jersey Chapter No. 4 of the Knights of Columbus and consists of the coun-

many of the moral and spiritual principles that once characterized society. America's religious, moral, and spiritual underpinnings are literally disintegrating."

How do we react to this situation? Does it cow us down into silence thus allowing the evil to thrive? Or, does it challenge us to stand up for Jesus? I do not mean a self-righteous attitude of wearing Christianity on our sleeve or an unapologetic defense of everything Christian. Instead we can be a gentle life-affirming presence through our witness to the values of Jesus Christ by being the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16). People who had no refrigerators knew the importance of salt for preserving food. Salt had the quality of arresting the process of decay. Jesus wants us Christians to have that anti-septic quality when we live in this culture. Instead of being consumed by the values of anti-Christian culture, we should be the moral antiseptic that our world so badly needs.

Many of the good works that the St. Matthias Knights undertake are certainly towards this end. I wish you God's blessings and all my support in this God-given mission.

Your brother in Christ,  
**Fr. Abraham Orapankal**

### LOCAL EVENTS

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

Here is a list of those events:

- **St. Cecilia Council #7046**  
Italian Night  
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2019  
Monmouth Junction, NJ
- **St. Jude Council #6573**  
Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray

Thursday, Nov. 22, 2019  
Manville, NJ

Please go to [www.njchapter4.com/events.html](http://www.njchapter4.com/events.html) for more information about these events.

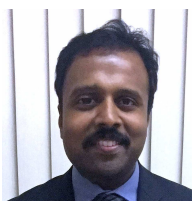
### VETERAN'S OUTREACH PROJECT

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](mailto:b_dyer@comcast.net) or 732-821-7585.

### WELCOME NEW BROTHER



**Brother Anton Antony-Arockiasamy** became the newest member of our Council on June 12, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace

Council #11378 in North Brunswick, NJ.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The St. Matthias Council Annual Fall All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2019 in the school cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10.00 each for adults; \$6.00 for children between the ages

of 10 and 18; children under 10 years old are free.

*Brothers, we have over 140 members of our Council who still reside within the boundaries of the St. Matthias Catholic Community. If all our members and their families would come out and support our annual fundraising breakfast, we could potentially increase our charitable funds by \$5,000.00. We are asking ALL our brothers and especially our Past Grand Knights and Officers, to come out and support your Order by attending the annual Pancake Breakfast.*

*At \$10.00 for an all-you-can-eat breakfast it is still a better deal than you can get from the local eateries.*

If you are planning to attend, please call **SK Sam Fallivene, PGK** at (732) 356-6660 or [fallivenej@yahoo.com](mailto:fallivenej@yahoo.com).

### HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT



Saint Matthias School is presenting their annual Trunk or Treat Halloween party on Friday October 25. Traditionally, the Knights have assisted with *Parking and Security* for this event. The HSA has asked that we help again. Things start happening at 5:00 pm and end around 10:00 pm.

This year the Knights of Columbus will provide some hot coffee for the adults and information will be available on our organization for any of the father's wishing to join us.

Please let **SK Charlie Hicks, PGK** know at (732) 873-3116 or [britrob01@aol.com](mailto:britrob01@aol.com) if you can help, and if you would like to coordinate some of the activities!

**READY FOR  
THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE?**



The Patriotic (Fourth) Degree is the highest degree of the order. It is an extension of the Knighthood Degree.

Members of this degree are addressed as "Sir Knight." The primary purpose of the Patriotic Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic Citizenship. Of a total 1.8 million Knights there are over 320,000 Patriotic Degree Knights in over 3,000 Assemblies. A Knight is eligible to join the Patriotic Degree after six months from the date of his Admission Degree, providing he has completed the Formation and Knighthood degrees beforehand.

This year's major exemplification of the Fourth Degree is scheduled for November 10, 2019 at the Tropicana in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

At this year's exemplification there are two dress options:

**Tuxedo**

standard black tux—no tails  
black cummerbund  
white formal shirt—pleated

black bow tie  
black socks & shoes

**Dark Suit**

black, dark blue or dark grey  
white dress shirt  
necktie solid color (NO flag ties)  
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