



Knight Worthy News

St. Joseph Council 10627, High Bridge, New Jersey

December
2023



Remember the Reason
for the season!
Merry Christmas to all.

Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,

Hopefully everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. It is always a busy holiday whether you are hosting, traveling, or trying to visit as many family members as possible, but it is a great holiday as it's a time for everyone to come together and share a meal. This time of year, the days seem to go by so fast from Thanksgiving to Christmas and there is always so much to do in preparation for Christmas.

On November 3rd, PGK Tom Klawunn, Warden Jim Codd, and I delivered two large boxes of coats through the "Coats for Kids" program to Life Choices in Philipsburg. The Knights of Columbus launched this program in 2009 with the goal of ensuring that no child goes without a warm coat during the winter season. The Knights have just reached a big milestone by delivering 1 million coats since the program started. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly was on hand in Denver on November 6th to help distribute 1,000 coats and celebrate this milestone by delivering the one millionth coat.

On November 4th, the State Soccer Challenge took place in Ewing, NJ. Liam Rogan (son of brother Sean Rogan) became a state champion for the third time by winning the 12-year-old boys' category. He is also a previous international champion. Congratulations to Liam and the Rogan family!

The council also had a "Thanksgiving for the Needy" collection over the weekend of November 11 and 12th at St. Joseph's Church. All proceeds benefited the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton. Thank you for all your generous donations.

Now that December is upon us, things will start to get very busy as we decorate our homes, buy gifts, and prepare for Christmas. Advent starts on December 3rd. Advent is a season of preparation as we wait for Our Lord's return and to celebrate His birthday on Christmas. There is a lot happening at our parishes throughout the month. Please check the parish's bulletins and websites for the latest information. Please consider taking a tag from one of the Giving Trees located at both parishes. These gifts help support various organizations in need within our communities.

We will only have one meeting this month on December 14th. Please consider coming to the meeting. It would be great to see everyone.

In closing, the Advent season is a time for preparation to open our hearts and minds to the second coming of Christ at the end of time and to celebrate the birth of Our Lord on Christmas. In this preparation let us take time to reflect and thank God for the many blessings he has given us. May the peace and joy of this Advent and Christmas season be with all of you. Merry Christmas to all my brothers.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

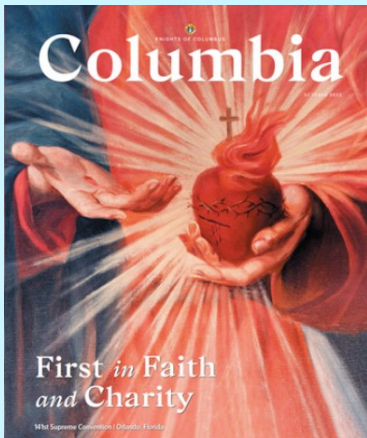
Vivat Jesus,

Christopher J. Dietrich, Grand Knight

"PRIVATE MESSAGE" to St. Joseph Council Members

As K of C members, we receive *Columbia* magazine. The October 2023 issue contained an article, "FIRST in FAITH, and CHARITY". If you missed that article, here's the link:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2023/october/first-in-faith-and-charity.html>



The article tells readers, "*This past year, the Order's more than 2 million members served 49 million volunteer hours and gave more than \$185 million to charity in 2022.*" [It fails to mention that the **VOLUNTEER HOURS** contributed nearly **\$1.5 BILLION** more to the economy!]

And **YOU** were partly responsible—**BUT ONLY** if you had reported the work **YOU** did in 2022. And most council members did not report their 2022 contribution.

Now, you have an opportunity to help the Order by reporting **your 2023** contributions to faith and charity.

On November 6, the council Financial Secretary sent a "Knights of Columbus Email <no-reply@hkofc.org>" message to you asking you to complete & return a Form 1728 "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" to him.

If you don't remember getting that message—contact FS Andrew Rispoli at (973) 417-3429 or send a message to Andrew and ask him to send you a blank Form 1728 [andrew@maiinsulation.com].

Just make sure that you take a few minutes and return a completed Form 1728 to him. Andrew needs every member's 2023 data no later than early January.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Miles Kington

My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days.


I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously there's a new strain out there.

Only Willie Nelson could look perfectly normal in this situation . . .





Brothers Tom Klawunn, Chris Dietrich and Jim Codd presenting coats to Joan Fasenello at Life Choices in Phillipsburg



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Avoid Spoofing Scams

Phone scammers often disguise their identity by using illegal spoofing techniques to send false information to your caller ID display. To trick you into answering, spoofers may use local area codes and numbers that look familiar. Or they may impersonate a company you do business with, such as a local utility, or even a government agency.

Here are some good ways to avoid being spoofed:

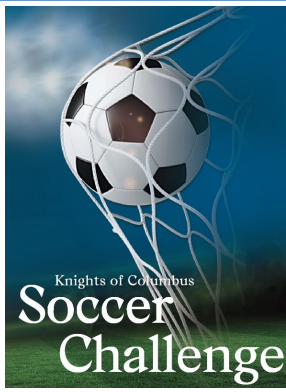
- ☒ Don't answer calls from unknown numbers.
- ☒ If you answer and it's not who you expected, don't hang on, hang up.
- ☒ If a caller asks you to hit a button to stop getting calls, just hang up.
- ☒ Never assume an unexpected call is legitimate. Hang up and call back using a number you can verify on a bill, a statement, or an official website.
- ☒ Be suspicious. Con artists can be very convincing: They may ask innocuous questions, or sound threatening, or sometimes seem too good to be true.
- ☒ Don't give out personal information – account numbers, Social Security numbers or passwords – or answer security questions.
- ☒ Use extreme caution if you are being pressured for immediate payment.
- ☒ Ask your phone company about call blocking tools for landlines or apps for mobile devices.
- ☒ Report spoofing scams to law enforcement, the FCC and the FTC.

Since 2009, over one million kids have been provided a warm winter coat due to the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. St. Joseph Council purchases and distributes coats annually to have them distributed to children by Life Choices in Phillipsburg.

Many councils that cannot directly support local programs raise funds and donate them through Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., so that those funds can help purchase coats and distribute them where they are needed most. The funds raised also help to keep the overall cost of coats down so that council efforts can go further.



If you have any furniture to donate to Veterans Haven North, call Andy Kin at (732) 735-9754.



Three-time State Champion!

11 year old **Mason Meijer**, 12 year old **Liam Rogan** and 13 year old **Adrian Friedman** (winners of the 2023 High Bridge Soccer Challenge), won their respective bracket at the **Metuchen Regional Championships** and advanced to the K of C State Soccer Challenge tournament in November.

Liam went on to win his THIRD CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP! (*Liam, at right, with his proud dad, Sean, also won the Knights of Columbus 2020 INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!*)

Congratulations, Liam!



Since I bought this toy for my dog...
no more salesmen,
break-ins, or friends popping in
unannounced.
Just peace & quiet.



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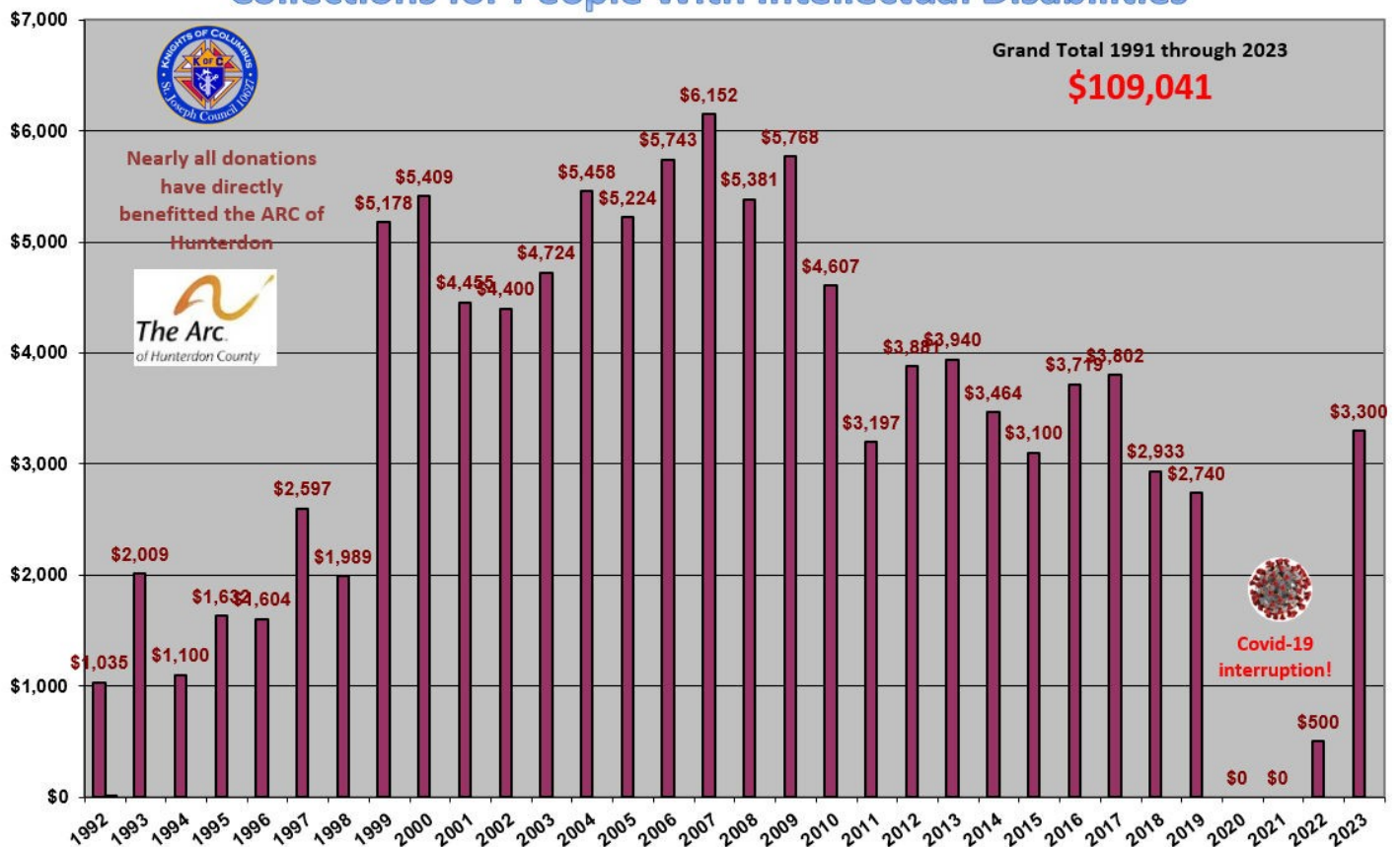
Earlier this year, the council was permitted to resume our annual collec-

tions at ShopRite for people with intellectual or physical disabilities. Those collections had been interrupted by the Covid crisis (see May ***Knight Worthy News***).



The photo shows Brother Jim Codd presenting the council's 2023 donation (which includes the additional donation from the council) to Colleen Dennis, Executive Director of the ARC of Hunterdon County and two ARC staff members at the ARC's office in Union Township.

Collections for People With Intellectual Disabilities



Notes: (a) from 1992 through 2003 and since 2011 collections were by the St. Joseph Council; 2004 through 2010 collections were a joint effort of the St. Joseph Council & Immaculate Conception Council; (b) beginning in 2007, St. Joseph Church parishioners have also contributed via an annual collection taken by the Knights; (c) Shop-Rite collections began in 1992; Walmart was added from 1999 to 2010 (until the landlord stopped allowing charitable collections). (d) Prior to 2014 all collections were Friday through Sunday. Beginning in 2014 Shop-Rite began limiting collections to Saturdays & Sundays by the St. Joseph Council. (e) Covid-19 interrupted the project from 2020-2022 but we were able to resume Shop-Rite collections and council contributions in 2023.



Ordination Anniversaries

Rev. Abraham
Orapankal
December 17
Rev. Fred Otieno
December 18

Birthdays

Mike Krochta December 1
Eileen Hanly December 4
Sean Boyle December 5
Denise Murphy December 6
Debbie Loughney December 10
Holly Gilligan December 11
Dana Baucom December 17
Kathy Wilmott December 17
Paul Petruzzi December 21
Ron Meola December 23
Elizabeth Denis December 28

Anniversaries

Terry & Fran Goddard
December 12
Bernard & Mylene Mariano
December 22

(Area Code 908 unless otherwise noted)

Officers:

Grand Knight	Chris Dietrich	797-0243
Chaplain	Fr. Kris Kaczynski	638-6211
Deputy G. K.	Mark Kucharski	323-0479
Chancellor	Bill Honachefsky	328-9631
Recorder	Tom Waldron	391-0284
Fin. Sec.	Andrew Rispoli	(973) 417-3429
Treasurer	Rich Mirocco	892-8252
Advocate	Mike DiMeo	892-7572
Warden	Jim Codd	892-1089
Inside Guard	Tom O'Farrell	246-7507
Outside Guard	Mike Krochta	500-0478

Trustees:

Tom Klawunn, PGK	246-3722
Mario Bernardo, PGK	797-6344
Tom Corrado, PGK	328-9440

Faith In Action Program Directors:

Faith	Tom Klawunn , PGK	246-3722
Family	Joe Gallico	507-6420
Community	VACANT	
Life	Rich Mirocco	892-8252

Fraternal Programs Directors:

Program	Mark Kucharski	323-0479
Membership	Tom O'Farrell	246-7507

Dist. Deputy: Michael Iannozzi 328-6605

Ins. Agent: Gerry Tatarka (973) 713-3394

Council Calendar



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