



# The Crusader



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State Deputy



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## State Deputy's Message

My Brother Knights,

Tempest Fugit! Don't Blink! How many ways can we say to one another "where has the time gone?"

It's a common saying as we look at our children/grandchildren getting older, the particular month of the year we are currently in, the leaves changing and it's getting darker earlier every day as we are now in the autumn season! We wonder all the time but we can't do anything to stop it! We have to plan for the future and take each and every day as a gift from God! I have come to learn this over these last 15 months and more so in the past two months personally.

So, as Knights we need to take a look at what we are doing to increase the value of our principles within our Church and Parish, Community and Councils. One quarter of the fraternal year is gone! Yes time does fly! No looking back and wondering or worrying about it. IT'S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD!

What have you done to increase Charitable, Fraternal and Patriotic values within your councils? Are you united with your Brothers in accomplishing the tasks set forth by the Grand Knight and his officers for this coming year? This is a busy time for us as Knights as we move out of the summer "blahs" and into upcoming months that have some of the best programs we can offer to all around us. Family and Community activities, Church programs and so many programs centered on a Culture of Life. The Grand Knights and officers were made aware of the new Supreme Program model "Faith in Action" that encompasses all of these activities. I would hope there's something for you to consider getting involved with over these next nine months.

My Brothers, are you someone who says there's nothing for me to get involved with? I say you are wrong and I challenge you to seek out the Grand Knight and offer him some of your time. All the activities in our Faith in Action program model offer something for everyone! How much time? That's up to you, but I know whatever you can offer he will gladly accept and appreciate wholeheartedly! And those who you help in the many ways we as Knights set out to help will appreciate it even more.

Brothers, now's the time when we as Knights, as CATHOLIC men, need to show others that we are truly a Catholic, Family Fraternal, Service organization by being involved and show what we do is for the benefit of our Church, families, parishioners and others.

I hope the summer months were an enjoyable time for all of you and your families but now's the time to step up and get involved! You joined this great organization so now you have the chance to show why you joined! We need your help to help other!

VIVAT JESUS! [Bob Hatler, State Deputy](#)

# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

## SCHEDULED DEGREES

[LINK](#)  individual Degree below for details.

<u>DEGREE/DATE</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b><u>CAMDEN:</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 15	Council 1443	Haddon Twp
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 25	Council 3532	Hilltop
<b><u>METUCHEN:</u></b>		
<b><u>NEWARK:</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 8	Council 5519	West Orange
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 9	Council 2188	Westwood
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 10	Council 5519	West Orange
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 11	Council 3644	Wallington
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Oct 12	Council 3428	North Arlington
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 22	Council 371	Bayonne
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 28	Council 3550	Ridgefield
<b><u>PATERSON:</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 2	Council 3665	Netcong
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 10	Council 13677	Sparta
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 17	Council 11671	Clifton
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 25	Council 6343	West Milford
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Oct 26	Council 6343	West Milford
<b><u>TRENTON:</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 1	Council 3826	Barnegat
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 1	Council 8733	Tabernacle
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Oct 4	Council 5714	Maple Shade
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 5	Council 11349	Holmdel
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 15	Council 6520	Medford
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 18	Council 1082	Moorestown
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 23	Council 1672	Freehold
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oct 23	Council 14615	Little Egg Hrbr
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Oct 26	Council 6552	Middletown

### Degree Notes:

- Candidates and observers should be dressed appropriately, jacket and tie.
- Candidate escorts should have all Degree paraphernalia when arriving at Degree location.

Dear Brother Knights:

Although the weather feels as if fall will be starting in a few weeks, the summer months have come to a conclusion and it is time that all councils get back on track in the area of membership recruitment. Historically, the summer months have been slower months, this year has been the weakest summer in many years. Now that September has come to an end, the first quarter of the Columbian Year has concluded and we must ask ourselves – Have we accomplished 25% of our yearly goals? The District Deputies were challenged to bring in two new members per district, per month...has this goal been met? If the answer is no, now is the time to kick into overdrive and meet your goals.

Recently, the State Membership Team presented the final of the six membership meetings in the five dioceses to serve as a resource for council officers and membership chairmen to refocus all of us related to our membership procedures and goals. If you were unable to attend the meeting in your diocese, the presentations are now posted on the state website for your review and I encourage you to use these resources as you continue your efforts to recruit new members to our Order.

As an incentive for the scheduling and recruiting to an Admission Degree, our State Deputy, Robert Hatler, has issued the following statement:

*I've been asked by many people how and what we, the Knights in New Jersey, are going to do and react to the current situation facing our Church...What I am going to say, and with your assistance, we are going to do over the next few months is to reach out individually, as a local council and as a State council to all of our Pastors, Chaplains and priests in our communities and do something to say **THANK YOU!***

*After giving this much thought I'm proposing that each District Deputy consider having at least one Admission degree in his District, bringing all the priests from all the parishes in the District together, in their honor over the next three months! We say we are the "right arm of the Catholic Church" so let's prove to these men, the workers of the church who are struggling and under so much pressure and ridicule that we as Knights appreciate them to the fullest!*

*I'd like to see all of you do this! I think we owe this to them! It's the least we can do!!*

If you have questions, please feel free to call me or your local membership chairman. We need to have a strong 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and reminder of the Columbian Year...we cannot keep doing what has always been done because – NOTHING CHANGES IF NOTHING CHANGES!

[Russell D. Petrocelli, FDD](#), State Membership Director

# Upcoming Events:

**\* PLEASE NOTE – ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE AT THE STATE COUNCIL OFFICE ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH**

Be sure to make a note of the activities that are scheduled for the next several months. Click the specific activity [\[hyperlink\]](#) to obtain more information, details and forms. Log-in required

**2018**

- Oct 7 – [Rosary Coast to Coast](#)
- Oct 13 - [Financial Secretary Training – Archdiocese of Newark](#)
- Oct 14 – [Family Rosary Rally ~ North and South](#)
- Oct 19 - 21 [State Council Retreat](#)
- Oct 27 - [Financial Secretary Training- Metuchen Diocese](#)
- Oct 31 - [Halloween](#)
- Nov 1 - [All Saints’ Day](#)
- Nov 2 - [All Souls Day](#)
- Nov 4 - [Daylight Savings Time ends](#)
- Nov 6 - [Election Day – FLY YOUR FLAG](#)
- Nov 10 - [Camden Mens’s Conference](#)
- Nov 11 - [Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ District](#)
- Nov 11 – [Veteran’s Day – FLY YOUR FLAG](#)
- Nov 12 – [Veterans Day Observed – FLY YOUR FLAG](#)
- Nov 18 – [Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – 1<sup>st</sup> NJ District](#)
- Nov 19 – [Paterson Pride in our Priests Dinner](#)
- Nov 22 – [Thanksgiving Day](#)
- Dec 8 - [DD Mid-Term Meeting](#)
- Dec 24 – [Christmas Eve](#)
- Dec 25 – [Christmas Day](#)
- Dec 31 – [New Year’s Eve](#)
- Jan 1 - [New Year’s Day](#)

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**Please forward this Newsletter to all your council members**



## Quarterly Calendar



### OCTOBER 2018

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### DECEMBER 2018

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# HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS OF THE MONTH

## Marian Images

At the Supreme Convention held in Baltimore, the Supreme Council announced and previewed a new Marian Image that will be displayed around each Diocese in the state. The new Image is Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. The images are being delivered to each Diocesan Coordinator and should begin traveling the Diocese' this month.

When the Images are delivered to the District Deputy, there will be prayer book, prayer cards and a log book to record the amount of visitors, and the date and location of the veneration of the image. Visitors are permitted to take a prayer card home with them but the prayer books must be collected at the end of the veneration to ensure there are books for future displays. As needed, the Diocesan Coordinator will order more cards and prayer books from Supreme, which are available in English and Spanish. Other languages may be available later in the Columbian year.

It is important that councils provide a program of maximum exposure in their area to include the parish, various church organizations, visits to shut-ins, the needy and to the community as a whole.

For more information on the program, review the information found on Supreme website using this [LINK](#). The Diocesan Coordinators are implementing a schedule for the image to travel their Diocese and District Deputies are asked to comply with this schedule so all Districts will be able to display this Icon in their area a couple of times this year. The Diocesan Coordinators are listed below:

<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Paterson	Joseph D Wickham
Newark	Enrique Blanco, FDD
Metuchen	Ramon Alayan, FDD
Trenton	John A Gazis, FDD
Camden	Michael Costello, DD



## Keep Christ Before Us

The "Keep Christ Before Us" program is aimed at increasing the awareness and knowledge of the young people who may be within the range of the activities of the Knights of Columbus. This program is a **year-long program** not to be confused with the Keep Christ in Christmas program that generally runs from the fall through Christmas.

There are three (3) distinct programs in this activity:

1. Christmas and Easter **Coloring Books** (other titles available also)
2. First Holy Communion Book Sets (Boys and Girls)
3. Confirmation Book.

The books are distributed by the Knights of Columbus during each year. They are made available to all councils for all occasions all year, with special emphasis on the Christmas and Easter seasons with the Christmas issue available in Spanish as well as in English.

Councils should contact the program chairman, John Gazis, by **November 1** to order coloring books in time for the Christmas edition, and **March 1** for the Easter edition.

**NOTE: Order forms are available in the Grand Knights Manual, by contacting the Chairman listed below or on the State Council web site.**

**State Chairman: [John A Gazis, FDD](#)**

## Keep Christ in Christmas Cards

Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) is an **evangelization program** that was launched in 1989 by FDD/Brother Bob Canfield of Roanoke, VA Council 562. Since then KCIC has expanded to 34 states, the provinces of Nova Scotia and Ontario in Canada and Puerto Rico. All orders for NJ Councils are forwarded to the State Chairman with payment for the order. The State Chairman processes each individual order to initiate order fulfillment. All orders are shipped directly to the ordering Council. There are no minimum orders. Currently, in addition to English, cards are offered in Italian, Polish, Ukrainian, Spanish, French and Tagalog, as well as cards with African-American and Native American Madonna and Child depictions.

**Order forms are available by contacting Chairman [Pete Kudless](#) or on the State Council web site.**

**Orders must be received no later than Black Friday after Thanksgiving (November 23, 2019) for guaranteed delivery before Christmas.**

## PROGRAM CORNER

It's Fall and that means Football! Even though we will need to "fall back" soon, we need to move forward with our Knights of Columbus Service Programs. Hopefully all of you have been doing your programs all summer long and have also begun to fill out your Columbian Award forms. DO NOT forget the new Faith in Action set-up of the four categories: Faith, Life, Community and Family. Our GK Handbook is still set up the old way but shows the new categories next to our old activities.

We ask that you please become involved and stay involved in the Programs that have been running for some time. There is the Family and Knight of the Month programs (you must be in it to win it!). Send your forms to the new Chairman, [John Rokicki](#). The McGivney Guild forms, in Council Activities, are available from Supreme and should be given to all new Knights at all degrees.

In the Church area for October we have the Family Rosary South October 14. Also, it is great idea to join our State Officers in October for the NJ State Retreat on October 19-21 at the St. Alonso Retreat House. In November, we have the Keep Christ In Christmas cards (deadline for ordering is Thanksgiving but don't wait until the last minute) and the About Advent and the Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring books. Order yours now from John Gazis. Concurrent with these activities are our Coats for Kids, Food for the Hungry, and Eyes for the Needy programs. Please consider these great forms of charity for those that need our help. those less fortunate than ourselves.

In Youth for October we have the SOCCER challenge, run by Councils, District Deputies and Regional Chairmen. If you have any questions, please contact our State Chairman, [Vito Pulito](#), he can be reached at School has started, and it is imperative that you order the Child ID Kits. This should be the #1 priority for ALL Councils!! These kits provide vital information given to law enforcement around the country. Another very important program is the Office of Youth Protection program. All those involved in Youth activities MUST complete this Program. Please contact [Ray Sands](#), our State Advocate, for any needed information. It is a requirement of your End of the Year Awards that this needs to be completed!!!!

In it's 2<sup>nd</sup> Year in New Jersey is the Supreme Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. This is Chaired Hal Delaney IV. He can be reached at [hyroku19@gmail.com](mailto:hyroku19@gmail.com). The theme from Supreme is "How does your family keep its Catholic Faith in Action?" Further explanation of what this is and what is required can be found at [www.kofc.org/essay](http://www.kofc.org/essay). Please get your Catholic schools and CCD Programs involved in this worthwhile activity!

Doing your programs will teach those Knights ready for advancement and make sure your Council is "ANCHORED IN CHARITY AND FRATERNITY!!!"

[Harold Delaney, FDD](#), General Program Director

## PATRIOTIC CORNER

My Brother Knights,

Brothers we have made it through summer and we have entered fall, but there is no slowing down. We have many things to keep our assemblies busy. Our number one item this month should be recruitment (even though we should try to recruit daily) as both Districts we be holding their Exemplifications in November. Now is the time we are offered the opportunity to explain the virtues of becoming a Sir Knight. Keep in mind this should be explained to ALL members as there still are Formation and Knighthood degrees available before the exemplification.

Other programs for us to be involved this month is Rosary Coast to Coast October 7<sup>th</sup> and included are areas that hold the Life Chain. Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> is Columbus Day and many will have a celebrations, another good opportunity for our Color Corps to be out making a presence with many parades and celebrations. We also will have our State Retreat at St Alphonso House in Long Branch October 19, 20, 21; don't delay as the deadline is October 8<sup>th</sup>. We close out our month getting ready to honor our brothers who have gone before us. Hopefully your Assembly has a memorial Mass if not it should be something you should truly consider starting to organize for November. Remember it does not have to be on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month! Anytime you have a Mass to honor those will be much appreciated by their families that their loved ones are not forgotten!

Now is the time for your assembly to consider how they can help our Vets and servicemen and women as we head to the Christmas Season. I am aware it's early but we need to plan ahead. Consider helping out at the veteran homes, making a donation to "Send a Hero Home for the Holidays". Any worthwhile cause to let these men and women know they are in our thoughts and prayers. Consider starting a Christmas card writing program to pledge our support for them. It is easy and cheap. Go to a dollar store and buy 20 cards for less than \$5.00, shop all the stores and they are always discounting the box sets (try to make sure you get a card set that says Merry Christmas, not season greetings).

As this is September and many of you are aware that District Masters appointments start September 1<sup>st</sup>, it is now truly my honor to welcome new Master Paul Pinkman of the 1<sup>st</sup> New Jersey District. I feel Paul was a great choice and I look forward to working with him in the upcoming two years!

That being said it has been an honor and a pleasure to work with Former Master Russell Petrocelli the past two years. Thanks for your support and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Vivat Jesus,  
[Christopher Tomasello](#), Master 2nd NJ District

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS CORNER

Brother Knights,

Please support the many worthwhile programs within Special Programs. [<SEE LINK>](#) Your financial support is critically needed and advance planning of fundraisers will help immensely! These programs will also help you on your council's journey to achieving STAR COUNCIL!

In 1983, President Reagan designated November as "National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month". At that time, fewer than 2 million Americans had Alzheimer's; however, today, the number of Americans with the disease has soared to over 5.7 million. And nearly 44 million people have Alzheimer's or a related dementia. The family provides 83% of care delivered at home. Caregiving often has a negative impact on the health, employment, income, and financial security of caregivers. Caregiver Respite Programs provide trained caregivers that attend to an individual in need of care in order to give their primary caregiver time to relax and attend to their own needs.

Just like the Fund Drive for Intellectual Disabilities in April, the NJ State Council is asking all councils to have a fundraiser or to "shake the can" one weekend in **November** to raise funds for Alzheimer's Caregiver Respite Care. All donations stay in NJ and are used for Caregiver Respite through organizations such as [Alzheimer's New Jersey](#), [Caregiver Volunteers of Central NJ](#), and [Parker at Somerset](#), who provide grants and assistance to families in need. The State Chairmen of this Program, [Neal McGarrity, PGK](#) (Northern Councils) and [Jack Persia, FM](#) (Southern Councils), will take donations in any amount to attain our goal of \$30,000 for this year. Please see the [Grand Knight's Handbook](#) or [<THIS LINK>](#) for the counties they serve and where to send your checks. Also, "[Regional Walks to Fight Alzheimer's](#)" are coming up: 10/7 ETS in Princeton, 10/13 Liberty State Park in Jersey City, and 10/28 Bergen Community College in Paramus. It's a great day to lace up your sneakers, get in your steps, and raise money for Alzheimer's NJ. After the walk, there's even good entertainment and prizes! Visit [www.alzjn.org/walk](http://www.alzjn.org/walk) to register and for more details. If you walk and raise some funds, let your State Chairman know for council credit!

We still have aprons for Alzheimer's Fund Drives and they cost just \$16 each. Please add \$5 to the total for shipping. You can make checks for aprons payable to [Neal McGarrity](#) and mail to 814 9th St., Secaucus, NJ 07094. Email [him](#) with any additional questions and if you would also like to be added to the contact list for Alzheimer's New Jersey education programs in your area. So feel free to contact him!

Vivat Jesus! [Marty Boyle, FDD](#), Director

## CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

Brothers:

Pro-Life Month is upon us, and hopefully your council has already lined up some great programs. If you need some help with them, please feel free to contact your Regional Coordinator. I am sure he would be happy to be of assistance. Try to concentrate on programs that will raise awareness in your community in some visible way.

**Choose Life Banner.** What better way to raise awareness in your community than with a Choose Life banner in front of your parish? If you haven't already, talk to your pastor about erecting one. For only \$130 you can make a strong statement about how we as Catholics are staunchly pro-life!

**40 Days for Life.** Participating in this program, which started on September 26, and runs to November 4, is a great way to celebrate Pro-Life Month. You can also get more information on programs being run in your area by going [here](#).

**Life Chains & Truth Booth Cards.** Hold a Life Chain in front of an abortion mill and be sure that your participants are well supplied with Truth Booth cards to hand out when the opportunity presents itself. These chains allow us to make a public statement through prayer and example, while taking the opportunity to educate young pregnant women visiting the center. For information on how to get the cards printed, go to this [LINK](#).

**Diaper Drop.** This is a program that is truly our Faith in Action. We believe in the sanctity of life, and we should be providing practical help and support to those that choose it. Support your local pregnancy care center with diapers, wipes, formula and clothing (if they need it).

Have a great pro-life month!

[Steven J. Richardson, FM](#) Culture of Life Programs



# INSURANCE MATTERS

You might find it hard to believe but the toughest competitors we have as insurance agents for the Knights of Columbus are not insurance companies. We have four competitors: Death, Disability, Illness and Old Age. My job is to get to my clients before my competitors do.

The problem with that is that my fifth competitor, the status quo, has already been in almost every home I call on. People are comfortable with what they are doing now and don't always react well to finding out that they are not as well covered as they thought they were, or that they had not even thought about something that could ruin their family life or bankrupt them.

Here is one statistic that every family should check on regularly. Do you know how much you are worth? Your net worth is the one of the best indicators of your financial health, (net worth is the difference between your assets and your debt). Keeping an eye on this number tracks your progress toward meeting your long term financial goals, (a safe and secure retirement?). It also shows areas of opportunity.

With busy lives it is sometimes hard to keep up with all your financial obligations. Sometimes we even may forsake our retirement planning for a more important "need". When in reality that need was a want and it might have been better to put it off for six months or a year and save for it. But in our instant gratification culture, we want what we want and we want it now. Think about setting up a budget that includes important financial dates so that you don't miss an opportunity to save for that something special and you'll still pay yourself first, (or second), so that you will be okay in retirement.

Too many Americans are relying for social security to be a large part of their retirement income. We all have to be better savers, or we face a harsh reality that the government is not going to be able to give us everything we need to be comfortable in retirement, (or maybe not even enough to eat and be warm). Worse yet is that the segment of the population that is falling below the poverty line at the fastest rate is single women over the age of 70, (WIDOWS). As husbands and fathers we need to make sure that what we leave our wives when we go, (and we go first about 70% of the time), will take care of them, not leave them a problem they will have to deal with. For these and many other reasons, it's time to sit with your Knights of Columbus agent.

Protecting Catholic Families since 1882. That's who we are and what we do.

[Charles Miraglia](#), General Agent

# WEBMASTER

## *Mail I Will Not Open & Neither Should You!*

Brothers, I love hearing from you – 24/7, I really do! I am here to help in any way possible, and if I don't know the answer, I generally know who to call.

However, there are certain e-mails I will not even open, no matter who it "supposedly" is from. Cases in point:

1. Subject line blank – e-mail deleted.
2. Subject line re: nothing entered – delete!
3. Sender an unknown male or female, let's say Princess Leah, subject line is just, re: Leah – delete!
4. IF by some chance I do open an e-mail from someone I know, and all it says is text such as "Hey Bernie, thought you would like this!" and then just a link. Don't dare click that link!
5. Beware of spoofed e-mail addresses, check the return address.

Mail from me will be from Knights of Columbus State of New Jersey or [Bernard.ernst@njkofc.org](mailto:Bernard.ernst@njkofc.org). Mail with attachments will have the word SAFE in the subject line, and in the body. My closing will always have 3 exclamation points (!!!). When in doubt, ask!

NOTE: Remember to post all Degrees through the state website. District Deputies are to post all Dual Degrees (AFTER receiving permission of our State Deputy), as well as ALL Formation & Knighthood Degrees!

Vivat Jesus

[Bernie Ernst, FDD](#), NJ State Council Webmaster



## SQUIRES CORNER

Brothers,

Due to the many activities going on this Fall with our Circles our Retreat has been Rescheduled for later in the year.

Here is what is happening in a few of our circles.

### St. Leonides Circle 5177 - Sparta

- Our Squire Circle has just completed a fund raiser for Puerto Rico Relief raising \$1,900. In aid to a parish
- Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> - Our Squires will help the Sparta UNICO organization at their annual clothing drive collecting donations and loading the truck.
- Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> - Our Squires and Roses will participate in the 30th Anniversary Mass at 5p.m. at Saint Kateri that will be celebrated by Paterson Diocese Bishop Arthur Serratelli. At the mass, the parish will also dedicate a new stained glass window with donations from Father Pat Rice's estate. Also, the Squires and Roses will participate in the mass procession with the Silver Rose that will visit Saint Kateri that night;
- Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> - Our Squires will hold a fall flower sale at the parish. More details to come;
- Saturday and Sunday, Nov17th and 18<sup>th</sup> - Our Squires will sell Luminary kits after all masses;
- Sunday, November 25th (date to be confirmed) - Our Squires will help the Knights at the Brunch with Saint Nick parish event;
- Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - This is our 11th Annual Luminary Night Squires will place Luminaries at Knoll Heights Senior Living and at Saint Kateri and Our Lady of the Lake parishes.

### Thomas Christopher Circle 2192 – Budd Lake

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month our Circle & our Council have a special Mass for the Knights & Squires Families.
- Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - -our Squires will help the Council run the Soccer Challenge
- Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> - -our Squires will be running a Craft Show fundraiser.
- Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - The Squires Circle will participate in Fall Cleanup in the Town of Budd Lake.
- December (Mid-Month) - Our Squires Circle will be throwing a Christmas Party for the Residents of Paragon Village. Paragon Village is an assisted living facility in Hackettstown;
- January our Circle will be raising funds for the Right to Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC.

[Peter D Briody, PGK](#)

Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Program Director

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Brothers,

Fall is here, the children are back to school and Halloween is around the corner, so naturally our thoughts begin to move toward the big Holiday coming at the end of the year, Christmas. I know, I know, you're thinking right now "It's too early to think about Christmas!" Well, it's really not too early. In fact, as of October 1, there are less than 85 shopping days until Christmas, not really a lot of time when you think about it.

Which leads me to my point. I am sure your Council has started planning for the upcoming season. The program you are planning might include children's events such as the [Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest](#), and handing out the [Advent and Christmas coloring books](#). We also have the [Keep Christ in Christmas Program](#), which has great Christmas cards for you and your family to send to others. Use the links above to contact the Chairmen of those programs and they will forward the information on their programs to you.

Now, onto another matter, I really don't understand why it is happening. Every Council has members that work hard every month, and we are thankful for these members, having these guys as members makes it possible to do what the Knights of Columbus can to make our world a better place. Some Councils may recognize these Brothers every month by naming them Knight of the Month at their business meetings and putting it in their Newsletters, which is a great gesture.

But take the next step and send in a form. You might be surprised and find one of your members was named the Supreme Knight of the Month or Family of the Month. A Family of the Month nominee does NOT have to be a Knight. All they need to do is be active at the parish level. Ask your Pastor for help, if you can't decide on a worthy candidate. I am sure he would be more than happy to assist you with this.

I have been asked from time to time, "Why can't I find things on the state website?" My response is a simple one, "Did you register and receive a password to the site?" Most of the time, the answer is "no!" All members are eligible to obtain a password to the website by registering, but certain areas are only visible by Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries, Navigators and Comptrollers. Other sections are visible only to District Deputies and Former District Deputies. All of those listed above should be registered. It is important to fill out the form completely so we can give the proper access to the site.

[John A Gazis, FDD](#), Crusader Editor



# MILESTONES



<u>Council #</u>	<u>Council Name</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Charter Date</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
<u>12833</u>	<u>Mater Ecclesiae</u>	<u>Berlin</u>	<u>10/1/2000</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>371</u>	<u>Star of the Sea</u>	<u>Bayonne</u>	<u>10/2/1898</u>	<u>120</u>
<u>262</u>	<u>Fr Juan Perez</u>	<u>Passaic</u>	<u>10/3/1897</u>	<u>121</u>
<u>2544</u>	<u>Commodore John Barry</u>	<u>Dunellen</u>	<u>10/8/1924</u>	<u>94</u>
<u>2861</u>	<u>St Michael's</u>	<u>Lodi</u>	<u>10/12/1942</u>	<u>76</u>
<u>8478</u>	<u>St Bernadette</u>	<u>Parlin</u>	<u>10/12/1983</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>11873</u>	<u>St Bartholomew</u>	<u>East Brunswick</u>	<u>10/12/1996</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>14675</u>	<u>St Mary's - Stony Hill</u>	<u>Watchung</u>	<u>10/12/2008</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>3359</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Lakes</u>	<u>Denville</u>	<u>10/15/1950</u>	<u>68</u>
<u>2842</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Rochelle Park</u>	<u>10/19/1941</u>	<u>77</u>
<u>13991</u>	<u>Pope John Paul II</u>	<u>Irvington</u>	<u>10/22/2005</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>1280</u>	<u>Father Carey</u>	<u>Carteret</u>	<u>10/24/1907</u>	<u>111</u>
<u>14658</u>	<u>Nativity of our Lord</u>	<u>Monroe Twp</u>	<u>10/27/2008</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>1277</u>	<u>Montclair</u>	<u>Montclair</u>	<u>10/29/1907</u>	<u>111</u>
<u>6411</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt Carmel</u>	<u>New Brunswick</u>	<u>10/29/1972</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>6621</u>	<u>Pope John XXIII</u>	<u>Vineland</u>	<u>10/31/1974</u>	<u>44</u>

State Deputy Robert Hatler, along with the entire NJ State Council and the Newsletter Staff, would like to take this opportunity to wish **ALL** councils best wishes on their **Charter Anniversary**.

May your council continue to grow and do good deeds for many more years to come! Let's continue to grow our Order, expand our programs and continue to be "**Anchored in our Charity and Fraternity!**"

*Happy Anniversary*

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