



# The Crusader



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State Deputy



## State Deputy's Message

**HAPPY EASTER!! CHRIST IS RISEN ~ HE IS TRULY RISEN!!!**

What a beautiful way to start the month of April! Yes it's APRIL! Hard to believe we have only three months of this fraternal year left. Remember back in July when I said "don't blink!" Well, we all blinked, doing some really great things over these past nine months and now we come down the home stretch, the final quarter is here! If you haven't had the opportunity to do something good during this fraternal year, there's still time. The weather is getting warmer (I believe that!) and so many events and programs are held during these next three months. There's still time to really make a difference, as a Knight, as a member of your council, to do something good for others. You'll see a lot of information in this newsletter on the many things you can work on to assist so many others.

We continue to grow our order in New Jersey through the hard work of the Membership team each and every month. In addition, the new and exciting On-line membership program has been a HUGE success in New Jersey! In seven weeks we have brought in 33 new members to the order. We have the highest intake of online members of any of the sixteen jurisdictions currently in the program. It's different but it's working here in New Jersey and we welcome these men as Brother Knights. Just as a reminder to those who question or doubt this opportunity for men to initially join the order, these men ARE Knights of Columbus! Our hope is that they will look to become degreed members of a local council soon and become active members. In the meantime they should be welcomed and not be considered anything less than members of the Order!

In the Program activity areas we have had great success with all of our programs to date, The Chairmen and Directors are now working to select winners and get ready for the State convention where awards will be presented to worthy Councils and individuals.

Speaking of the State Convention, please take the time to come and join us the weekend of May 18 – 19 at the Wildwood Convention center. Come and see the many accomplishments of councils throughout the State and maybe you can find something you can work on for next year. There are many things planned for the weekend and we will have as our guests our Supreme Treasurer Ron Schwarz and Rev. Fr. Francis Hoffman, also known as Fr. Rocky, the Executive Director of Relevant Radio. More information will be available in the May Crusader.

So Brothers, we all have another opportunity to help our Councils and others in so many ways during the last quarter of the fraternal year. Find something you like to do and help out the Grand Knight and Council. In this way you will be working together to help others, "Anchored in Our Charity and Fraternity!"

From Maryann and myself we wish you and your families a HAPPY EASTER!!!! [Bob Hatler, State Deputy](#)

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# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

## SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

DEGREE/DATE	COUNCIL	LOCATION
<b><u>CAMDEN:</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 2	Council 1443	Haddon Twp
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 12	Council 13259	Deptford
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ April 16	Council 2572	Wildwood
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ April 17	Council 9193	Blackwood
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ April 27	Council 13529	Woodbury
<b><u>METUCHEN:</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ April 12	Council 6424	Old Bridge
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ April 27	Council 14658	Monroe Twp
<b><u>NEWARK:</u></b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ April 5	Council 7041	Hasbrouck Hts
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ April 6	Council 1345	Dumont
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 10	Council 2188	Westwood
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ April 13	Council 1146	Rahway
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 16	Council 3428	No Arlington
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 20	Council 3644	Wallington
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 22	Council 3550	Ridgefield
<b><u>PATERSON:</u></b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ April 6	Council 3359	Mountain Lakes
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ April 16	Council 6100	Budd Lake
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 18	Council 11671	Clifton
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ April 26	Council 6343	West Milford
<b><u>TRENTON:</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 2	Council 5903	Englishtown
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 9	Council 65630	Marlton
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ April 19	Council 7926	Pt Pleasant
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ April 24	Council 1672	Freehold
2 <sup>nd</sup> ~ April 25	Council 6201	Jackson

### 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:

Over the past 10 months, I have been discussing the concept of using social media as a means of recruiting new members and our entrance to the Online Membership platform on February 5, 2018 certainly emphasized this concept. As this is certainly the direction that we are headed in for reaching out to perspective members, there is always another proven method that cements the presence of your council in your local parish – the Church Drive. Church Drives have traditionally been held this time of year to correspond with Founder's Day (March 29), but with March 29 being Holy Thursday this year, Church Drives are being held throughout the month of April, and even into May, I would like to review with you the concept of the Church Drive.

### HOW TO CONDUCT A CHURCH DRIVE

It makes sense to look for new members in the place you're most likely to find them — your parish. One efficient and proven way to do this is to hold a Church Recruitment Drive. Here are steps to success for your event.

#### **1. The Preparation Phase**

- Get permission from your pastor to hold a Church Recruitment Drive Weekend after all Masses.
- Contact your council's field agent to get his assistance.
- Advertise the drive in the parish bulletin.
- Order your Church Recruitment Drive Kit in advance.
- Organize your members into teams for the drive weekend. Make sure that enough council members are committed to covering each Mass.
- Conduct a First Degree Ceremonial within one week of the recruitment drive. If necessary, use the First Degree Video Production available via Officers Online.

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# 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

## APRIL 2018

April 1 ~ Easter Sunday

April 7 ~ Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> District

April 8 ~ Free Throw State Finals

April 8 ~ Spelling Bee State Finals

April 12 ~ Trenton Pride in our Priests Dinner

April 22 ~ Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree ~ 1<sup>st</sup> District

April 24 ~ Metuchen Pride in our Priests Dinner

April 26 ~ Camden Pride in Our Priests Dinner

## MAY 2018

May 1 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Honoring Bishop Kurt Burnette

May 13 ~ Mother's Day

May 18 ~ State Convention

May 19 ~ State Convention

May 22 ~ Newark Pride in Our Priests Dinner

May 23 ~ Supreme Convention Delegates Meeting

May 28 ~ Memorial Day

## JUNE 2018

June 1 ~ Staff Directory Forms due

June 8 ~ Special Olympics Opening Ceremony

June 14 ~ Flag Day - Fly your Flag

June 14 ~ Army Birthday

June 17 ~ Father's Day

June 23 ~ Council Directory Forms due

June 23 ~ Grand Knight's Orientation Meeting

June 23 ~ Columbiettes State Convention

June 24 ~ Tank Pull ~ Clifton

June 30 ~ District Deputy Orientation Meeting

June 30 ~ Year End Reports Due

June 30 ~ Assembly, Chapter, Federation  
Directory forms due



Sign up for our  
**e-NEWSLETTER**

## Quarterly Calendar



### APRIL 2018

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### MAY 2018

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# Highlighted Programs of the Month

## Intellectual Disabilities Drive

In 1975, this program raised \$180,000. In 2015-2016, the councils of New Jersey raised over \$649,000 to be distributed to programs for these citizens. With less government aid allocated to these programs, the importance of private fundraising cannot be overemphasized. .

The goals of this program are two-fold: First, to have every council participate in the program as fully as possible, and second, to raise as much as possible to support our special citizens! To ensure that this happens this Columbian Year, we are continuing with a few changes made last year:

1. Although the drive begins in April, it will be a year-round program because councils in different areas of the state are situated differently. (For example, councils in shore and resort areas raise more money in the summer months.) Therefore, you are encouraged to hold different fundraising events (beef and beers, raffles, tricky trays, etc.) that will maximize results. Be creative!

2. Rather than stipulating one specific weekend in April for a drive, April will be "Intellectual Disabilities Drive Month", where we ask the Bishops and Pastors to allow us to collect at all the churches. Councils would have the option of associating this collection with their public collections or having separate times for church and public collections. You should run a Parish Drive in each parish you serve.

3. With such a large sum of money, there are, and must be, regulations for all councils to follow:

a) All money, along with a clearly typed report form, MUST be submitted within three weeks to the State Chairman, Gary Seals.

b) Money may be donated only to BONA FIDE 501(c)(3) CHARITABLE NON-PROFIT PROGRAMS FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED IN THE STATE OF NJ.

Reminders:

1. All funds are to be reported within three weeks of any fundraising activity.
2. Funds may only be donated to charities and programs serving the intellectually disabled.
3. Use the full legal name of recipients.
4. If you don't specify the recipient, the money will be donated to Special Olympics.
5. Please submit the report form, even if not participating.
6. Send a copy of the reporting form to:

Intellectual Disabilities Drive State Chairman:

[Gary L. Seals, FDD](#)

12 College Avenue

Eatontown, NJ 07724

## New Eyes for the Needy

This program's objective is to collect eyeglasses in any condition - new, used, broken- send them to New Eyes for the Needy, where they will be repaired and distributed. Start now brothers! Set up containers in churches, council homes and public places. Visit your local optician or optometrist and ask for old or used glasses or frames.

Send the glasses with a cover letter on your council's stationary indicating how many glasses are enclosed to:

New Eyes for the Needy, Inc.

549 Millburn Avenue

Short Hills, NJ, 07078

New Eyes for the Needy also accepts contributions of watches, silver and gold jewelry (even bits and pieces, such as a single cuff link or earring), silverware and giftware, costume jewelry, dentures with gold inlays, and hearing aids.

In order for your council to receive credit at the State Convention the New Eyes for the Needy online reporting form MUST be filled out. This is available on for regular on-line reporting. With each shipment of glasses, complete the online form so as to maintain an accurate accounting

A sample copy is in the Grand Knights Manual, given to the incoming Grand Knights at the June Meeting. The information can be found listed under "Community Activities"

Appointing a member who has recently joined the Council the position of chairman of the committee is a good way to get him active and involved.

Remember these words: The eye is the most precious and useful organ of the human body. It is indeed a masterpiece of God's handiwork; let's help those who need glasses to aid their eyesight. Any questions or concerns regarding this program can be directed to:

John Dalton,  
426 Milburn Ave,  
Milburn, NJ 07041





## PROGRAM CORNER

Hello Brothers, It may not exactly feel like it but Spring is here! In less than a month, we can all look forward to the Awards Ceremony at the Convention Center on May 18. As a reminder, all award forms needed to have been turned in by the DD's to each of the Program Chairmen. In that way, we can be sure to honor the winners of the many programs we offer. In addition, all Council reports—such as Food for the Hungry and Eyes for the Needy—needed to have been submitted by now. Unfortunately, if you have not yet accomplished this, it is too late for this year's Convention. However, you certainly can start sending them to the appropriate Chairmen to guarantee they are recognized at next year's convention.

I'd like to now address particular areas and activities. In regard to the Council and Fraternal Activities, it is imperative that you submit the Supreme forms at the same time that you enter the Family of the Month information to guarantee recognition. Please also submit your forms for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year, as these awards are for the men who are chosen for this Fraternal Year. It is crucial that you take the time to keep informed by reading the information provided on the thumb drive given to you. By doing so, you know that we will be honoring the winners of the Council Website and Council Newsletter by Diocese. Winners for the Photography Contest will also be receiving awards.

We will be honoring the CCD & Parochial Teacher of the Year, as well as Chaplain of the Year. I want to acknowledge the fabulous work of John Tirado who was in charge of the Seminarian Letter Program. The deadline for ordering Holy Communion and Confirmation Books was April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please get in touch with [John Gazis](#), if you need to still order any. Even if you are a little late, I am sure he will be able to accommodate your needs.

April 1<sup>st</sup> is also the deadline for submitting the Eyes for the Needy report and the Food for the Hungry report. Both of those are part of our Community Activities. Furthermore, we will be honoring Coats for the Kids and Veteran Affairs winners. Mark your calendars for June 24 and get your teams ready for the Tank Pull in Clifton.

State Finals for our Youth Programs will be on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The Free Throw and the Spelling Bee are part of this. It is absolutely imperative that those involved in Youth Activities complete the SAFE AWARENESS program. Please contact our State Advocate [Ray Sands](#) to obtain the needed information.

Believe it or not, we are nine months into the Fraternal Year. As a benchmark, your SP-7 for the Columbian Award should be at least two-thirds complete. If you recall, you definitely need to have ONE Domestic Church Activity in each area. Thank you to all Councils for their submissions of the STSP's for our BIG awards occurring Friday afternoon at the Convention.

It is recommended that you consider joining the NJ STATE COUNCIL PROGRAMS 2017-2018 page on Facebook. If you need any assistance to meet these goals, remember, we are only a phone call or email away.

[Harold Delaney, FDD](#),  
NJ State Program Director

## PATRIOTIC CORNER

Brothers all,  
Happy Easter, He is Risen!

Brothers we are finally starting to see spring! This is the time of year that our Color Corps really start to get busy! Time to look over our regalia and new uniforms and make sure we look as sharp as possible. Remember our Color Corps are the most visible arm of the Order and what many parishioners remember, so it is important that we are as clean, sharp, and professional as possible.

April is a big month for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree as we bring in a new class of Sir Knights in the First and Second Districts! As such, we ask each of our Color Corps to consider participating and make the new Sir Knights exemplification special. That being said, please contact your Commander for details on practice information. The 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ District will host their exemplification on Saturday April 7, 2018 at St Cecelia in Monmouth Junction at 11AM. The 1st NJ District, under direction of Master Russell Petrocelli, will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany, NJ.

Because we have our exemplifications this month, that does not mean we stop recruiting! To the contrary, we should explain the virtues of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree at every opportunity, not just at exemplification times. We should start explaining all the degrees at the 1<sup>st</sup> degree and not just push for the 3<sup>rd</sup> but all the way to the fourth. We should make sure that each Council meeting has a 4<sup>th</sup> degree report and not just pass it by, and at Knighthood degrees that someone speaks about the Patriotic Degree. We should make sure we have 4<sup>th</sup> degree brothers attend and support them at Knighthood degrees. If you take them to the degree, you can talk about the 4<sup>th</sup> degree on the way home from the Knighthood degree! Don't wait till a few weeks before the exemplification and then start, if you always remind them along the way it will be easier to recruit. Remember Supreme has tried to make it easier to increase our membership by changing the dress code to include dark suit, let's take advantage of that. Less than 20% of Knights are 4<sup>th</sup> degree, so there are a lot of recruits out there and remember once we have a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member most of those brother stay for life!

On behalf of our Vice Supreme Master Andrew Lipenta, Master of the First New Jersey District Russell Petrocelli and myself and our families, we hope you had a Blessed Easter and we look forward to seeing you at the Convention in Wildwood in May!

VIVAT JESUS!

[Christopher Tomasello, Sr.](#)

Master, Second New Jersey District

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS CORNER

Brother Knights,

When we rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus, we also celebrate Christ's gift of himself, which transforms us and enables us to become gifts of ourselves to others. Let us continue to ask ourselves daily, "Are we keeping Christ alive in our lives?" Today, Jesus calls each of us by name to be missionary disciples who share and proclaim the good news of the resurrection with all those we meet. We do this in countless ordinary ways through our daily lives and how we treat others. As Knights, let us share the opportunity of membership in the Order with Catholic men in our lives and most importantly, let us extend our compassion to those less fortunate by supporting our charitable causes and the Special Programs of the NJ State Council. YOUR help is needed NOW more than ever! ([>>>>](#) [CLICK HERE <<<<](#))

One of the ways to show Christ is alive in your daily life is to volunteer to help with the **Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive** which is usually held in April. Grand Knights should already have a Council Chairman to organize collection efforts and detailed instructions are [here](#). Within 3 weeks of collecting funds, a council check for the amount collected is to be made out to "NJ KofC Intellectual Fund" and sent to [State Chairman Gary Seals, FDD](#), 12 College Ave, Eatontown, NJ 07724. Print, fill-out, and include the [Reporting Form](#) with the check to designate beneficiaries. Please note that each beneficiary must be a 501(c)(3) charity (verified [here](#)).

The month of April is also Autism Awareness Month and the **Autism Awareness and Family Support** program needs YOUR support because 1 in 41 persons in NJ are born with or develop Autism. The NJ State Council is supporting the 501(c)(3) organization Parents Of Autistic Children (POAC) [www.poac.net](http://www.poac.net), which supports families in all 21 counties of NJ. You and your council can help with the following: a) Donations: Hold a fundraiser or just write a check payable to "POAC Autism Services" & send to POAC, 1989 Route 88, Brick, NJ 08724. b) Participate in a [Walk-A-Thon](#). c) Have your council, as well as members, become sponsors of/join POAC [www.poac.net/ways-to-help](http://www.poac.net/ways-to-help). Advise [State Chairman Bernie Ernst, FDD](#) of your council's efforts by filing the [on-line report](#).

In closing, let the Latin motto of our Order and our Order's official greeting, "[Vivat Jesus!](#)" (meaning "Jesus Lives"), resonate with us. And let us always answer with enthusiasm by our words and especially in our actions, "Vivat Jesus, Indeed!".

Fraternally,

[Marty Boyle, FDD](#), Director of Special Programs

## CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

Brothers:

April brings us into Spring and a month closer to the State Convention in Wildwood. I hope you have already submitted your program reports by the March 31 deadline! You should now be getting ready for the final sprint in the home stretch to win the race for a Culture of Life!

**Spiritual Adoption.** We will be holding a "baby shower" at the state convention, along with our Diaper Drop. Please bring a baby gift to the Culture of Life table. Be sure to throw a box of diapers in the trunk before you head down for the weekend. We



would like to see a mountain of diapers, wipes, and formula by the close of the business session on Saturday, along with lots of gifts from the shower.

**Catholic Citizenship.** Our acts of citizenship are more important than ever, even though we have a Pro-Life President now. New Jersey still has no limits on abortion, plus it now has a pro-abortion governor. Is there a great Catholic Citizen in your council? If so, there is still time to nominate him for Catholic Citizen of the Year! The form can be found at this [LINK](#).

**ACE Wings.** Have a great Pro-Life Warrior in your council? A husband and wife team? Then why not nominate them for their Wings and have them recognized at the convention? Get the nomination in by April 15 by going to this [LINK](#).

**Best Culture of Life Program.** Has your council run a successful and different Culture of Life program this year? Then let me know ASAP! We want to recognize the best program in the state and then tell Supreme all about it! Just send me an e-mail at this [LINK](#) and tell me all about it!

Vivat Jesus!

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



# INSURANCE MATTERS

Brothers,

A recent study found that 7 in 10 Americans that were over the age of 55 planned on not retiring when they were eligible for “full” social security benefits. That said, many of them are planning on taking the benefit when it is available to them. These discussions have serious short term and long term consequences and can have a significant impact on the surviving spouse.

One item to consider when deciding when you are going to start receiving your social security benefits is that if you take the benefit before your “full retirement age” you will take an 8% cut in the benefit for taking the benefit a year early, and a 32% cut in the benefit for taking it 4 years early. Conversely for every year you wait to take the benefit you get an 8% bonus. So if you have a full retirement age of 67 years old, and you wait to age 70 you get a 24% bonus for waiting. So from that point forward you would get a lot more money.

And it means that your spouse would get that higher benefit for the rest of her life as well. Remember that when one spouse dies, the family loses the lower of the two social security benefits that they are receiving. There are a couple of strategies that we can go over with you to make sure you make the best decision for your personal situation.

Another feature of social security planning is the spousal benefit and how to maximize that. “File and suspend” is no longer an option, but “restricted spousal benefit” is still available under the right conditions and the social security staff is not going to offer it to you, because most of them have not been trained in helping you maximize your benefit. They have been trained on how to get you to file for a benefit. It is up to you to learn how to maximize your own benefit and that’s where your Knights of Columbus Field Agent can help.

Your Knights of Columbus field insurance agent has been trained by his General Agent to ask the right questions, find out what your goals are and help you find the best way to get where you want to go.

That’s who we are and what we do. Knights of Columbus insurance has been protecting Catholic families since 1882. (It’s not just life insurance.....)

[Charles Miraglia](#)  
General Agent

# WEBMASTER

Brothers,

In preparation for the 2018-2019 elections, the next state directory, and the July 1<sup>st</sup> website upgrade, which will bring even greater functionality with all “smart” devices a few reminders:

When key members step up and agree to serve, they are asked to provide certain information so that communications may flow smoothly and seamlessly. ALL information is protected in every conceivable way, and each member who puts forth his information does so with the understanding that they may “opt-out” at any time:

**PRIVACY NOTICE:** “By submitting your original registration, or by accepting an officer or staff position, you hereby agree to receive official New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus e-mails from “Knights of Columbus State of New Jersey”, [webmaster@njkofc.org](mailto:webmaster@njkofc.org) or [bernard.ernst@njkofc.org](mailto:bernard.ernst@njkofc.org).

Should you decide, at any time, not to receive official New Jersey State Council correspondence and notifications please “Opt Out” on any page of the state website – [www.njkofc.org](http://www.njkofc.org)

On our part, we monitor the web-site and provide a number of security procedures to protect a member’s privacy and we will take aggressive steps to track, and if necessary, prosecute anyone determined to be selling or buying our member’s personal information – that is my “24/7” part.

For your part, if you are listed in the various directories and/or manuals, you may help us by keeping US current: “**PLEASE:** Remember to notify us if you change phone numbers, addresses, or e-mail addresses so we may also update the State Directory and the mail server.”

Vivat Jesus!!!

[Bernie Ernst, FDD](#)

NJ State Council Webmaster





## SQUIRES CORNER

Brothers, Happy Easter & Happy Spring.

We have received several applications for the Fr. Murray & John Attardo scholarships. Letters to all Applicants have been sent out letting them know if they are recipients of the Scholarship. It is not too late for your council to make donations to these Scholarship programs, see the Grand Knights handbook for details.

April 8 Circle 2192 in Budd Lake is assisting Msgr. Lange Assembly in Netcong, NJ who is sponsoring a Fund Raising Dinner to raise money for the Veterans, they will be assisting cooking & serving at the dinner. On April 19-21 they will assist their council in the Special Needs Drive (*Tootsie Roll drive*).

In April Circle 5177 in Sparta, Their Squires & Roses are actively involved in Holy Week celebrations the Squires & Roses are involved as altar servers, music ministers, and in the youth Stations of the Cross play on Good Friday.

Also in April – Squires & Roses annual **Shop n Stock** at the Sparta Food Pantry -The Squires & Roses will purchase about \$300 in canned food items to be delivered and stocked at the Sparta Food Pantry

In May the Squires & Roses will visit to the Paterson Diocese Cathedral in Paterson for a tour of the church followed by mass. They are hoping Bishop Serratelli will join the boys & girls for the mass followed by a pizza reception.

Youth are our keys to the future of the Knights of Columbus; consider starting Squires/Squire Roses in your council with your parish as a partner. We are in need of young blood and what better way then educating our youth to be more **Holy**, and carry on the work of **Fr. McGivney & Fr Murray**. Our current Squires/Squire Roses statewide are busy working on many projects assisting our councils, our parishes, and our communities.

Our Next project is the **Tank Pull (Esto Dignus team)** and if you would like to help sponsor our Team contact [Tom Rohe](#)

To start a Squires Circle in your area, contact [Peter D Briody, PGK](#)  
Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Program Director

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER (continued from page 2)

### **2. The Implementation Phase**

- Arrange for a membership recruitment announcement to be made before or after Mass.
- Have members, wearing Knights of Columbus branded apparel so they are easily identified, positioned at the entrances of the Church or other appropriate area, to talk to prospects about joining and help them complete a *Membership Document* (#100) or a *Prospect Card* (#921A) if he'd rather learn more about the Knights before filling out a Membership Document.

### **3. The Follow-Up Phase**

- Within 48 HOURS, council members must contact every prospect who completed a *Membership Document* (#100) or expressed interest in joining during the Implementation Phase.
- Inform prospects of the date, time and location of the open house and invite families to attend as well. Also, let them know the date, time and location of the First Degree Ceremonial.

### **What Your Council Needs for a Church Drive**

To make your Church Recruitment Drive a success you will need the right tools. Here is a quick guide to what every council might need to have on hand for their recruitment drive:

**Membership Document (#100):** This is what it is all about: getting those prospects to sign up and join you as brother Knights. Next step — the First Degree, and then your prospects and their families can start being active within your council.

**Prospect Cards (#921A):** These 3"x5" cards will help your council collect the contact information on prospects who are looking for more information on your council before completing a Membership Document.

If any member of the Membership team can be of service to you as you plan your Church Drive, please feel free to contact us.

A Happy, Holy, and Blessed Easter to you and your families. May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord be with you today and every day.

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



# MILESTONES



*Celebrating  
Anniversaries  
this Month*



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!**"

COUNCIL	NAME	TOWN	CHARTER DATE	YRS
2976	Nativity	Clementon	4/1/1946	72
5113	Fr McGill	Collingswood	4/6/1961	57
3826	Annunciation	Beach haven	4/7/1954	64
4186	Rev S P McVeigh	Kenilworth	4/8/1956	62
4211	Ave Maria	Egg Harbor City	4/8/1956	62
3639	St Cecelia	Iselin	4/9/1953	65
5114	Queen of Peace	Mt Arlington	4/9/1961	57
3831	Resurrection	Beverly	4/11/1954	64
159	Hoboken	Hoboken	4/12/1896	122
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