



The Crusader



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Vincent Tavormina
State Deputy



State Deputy's Message

What a very bittersweet way to start the month of April! This is the month that is really the start of Spring. Flowers growing, birds chirping, and, most of all, that glorious day that we celebrate the risen Lord – Easter. That day that we were all given the opportunity to live forever in God's glory. However, this is far from a normal April.

As you are all aware, we are in the midst of a very serious health crisis. One that has pretty much grinded everyday life to a halt. We, the Knights of Columbus, are no exception. Every event scheduled through the end of April has been canceled, and two weeks ago, I had to make one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make. At the recommendation of the Supreme Knight, along with the other 74 Jurisdictions I had to cancel the State Convention. As you read this, plans are being made to have a virtual convention online. More information will be sent to you as we finalize the plans.

This, Brothers, is our new normal, at least, for the foreseeable future. But we have a huge advantage. We have Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and Mary, our Patroness, on our side. Remember your First Degree – "With Mary on our side, what can't we accomplish?" We must continue to pray, Brothers. That is our fiercest weapon. And, we WILL get through this, and be better off for it. Don't forget, He has our backs. You just need to ask Him.

Speaking of the First Degree, do not forget its Principle – Charity. There are many people who need help during these difficult times. Family, friends, neighbors, the elderly, just to name a few. If you are able, reach out to them and see if they can use your help. Maybe picking something up at the store for them if they can't get out. Or, something as simple as a phone call and cheery hello! Faith in Action!!

On a much lighter side, though we weren't able to do many events in March, we do continue to grow the order, thanks to your hard work and the efforts of our fantastic, hard-working, membership team. We were well on our way to reaching our Circle of Honor Intake goal, and we may still have a chance, since Supreme may adjust that goal considering the circumstances. We also still have Online Membership that we can use during this "down time." But, no matter what happens, we have had a very successful year, and for that, I thank each and every one of you.

One event that we were able to attend before all the craziness happened, was the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center Dinner at the beginning of March. What a joy it was to be able to see the results of the efforts of that group. Last year, they were able to save 586 babies from the horror of abortion! And, you can be proud of the fact that we played no small role in that thanks to our Ultrasound program. As for the programs that needed to be canceled, I will be coordinating with our Program Director, Scott Williams, and his team, to determine which, if any, canceled programs can be rescheduled, and when.

Brothers, at the beginning of this message, I mentioned that April was the time of Easter. Amidst all the uncertainty, we still have that. When Jesus died on the cross, He gave His life so that we would have eternal life with Him. And, when He rose from the dead on that first Easter, He forever overcame the chains of death. And, He did that for us! So, on Easter Sunday, whether we're able to go to Mass or not, just remember that He will see us through this.

From Tamara and I, we wish you and your families a Blessed and Joyous Easter!
[Vincent Tavormina, State Deputy](#)

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

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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 Brothers,

As of the writing of the article we stand at 1181 new members for slightly over 55 %.

In the beginning of the fraternal year we talked about an incentive program for the council and member who brought in the most new members. The winners are:

- Camden St. Vincent de Paul #3451
- Metuchen Our Lady of Victories #2061
- Newark Union Council #4504
- Paterson Dr. McDowell #2248
- Trenton St. Joseph #4969

Also, the individual member winners are Fr. Carlos Aguirre of Trenton and Teodoro Diaz of Metuchen.

Congratulations to the winners for your hard work. Who will win for the second half of the fraternal year? Will it be you? Your council?

With the new degree having been utilized this year we have had an increase in degrees with increased number of new members, and advancement of 1st and 2nd degree members. But unfortunately, as we started to see an increase in numbers, we were hit with the coronavirus pandemic.

With that being said, please use the online membership to attract new members. So, if your council has a Facebook page, twitter, or other social media account let them know about the order and your council. The website to join is www.kofc.org/joinus

We are asking all the councils to start a "Knighly Check In". This is where the officers and members contact the older members by phone and/or email and see if they need anything. Due to the pandemic, do they need a prescription picked up or some items form the store, and they cannot get there or may be afraid to go, we could help them with these chores. Not only does this follow our order's first pillar of charity but lets the member know they are not forgotten.

As we enter these unprecedented times of uncertainty, if anyone has a suggestion on Membership please reach out to me or any member of the Membership team. Their contact information can be found in the state directory.

Be safe and please wash your hands.

[Christopher Duffett, FDD](#)

State Membership Director



Upcoming Events:

*** PLEASE NOTE – ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE
AT THE STATE COUNCIL OFFICE
ON THE 15TH 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 2020

- April 1st – April Fool’s Day
- April 5th – Palm Sunday
- April 9th – Holy Thursday
- April 10th - Good Friday
- April 11th – Holy Saturday
- April 11th – Birthday of William Birtwistle, PSD
- April 12th - Easter Sunday
- April 13th – Easter Monday
- April 18th ~ Birthday of Bishop Arthur Serratelli (P)
- April 21st ~ Birthday of Bishop James Checchio (M)
- April 21st ~ Birthday of Bishop David O’Connell (T)
- April 22nd – Earth Day

May 2020

- May 3rd – Birthday of Cardinal Joseph Tobin (N)
- May 10th ~ Mother’s Day
- May 16th – Armed Forces Day – Fly your Flag
- May 21st ~ Ascension Thursday
- May 25th ~ Memorial Day - Fly your Flag

June 2020

- June 1st – Staff Directory Forms Due
- June 11th – Corpus Christi
- June 14th – U.S. Army Birthday
- June 14th – Flag Day ~ Fly your Flag
- June 16th – Birthday of Robert Hatler, PSD
- June 20th - Grand Knight Orientation Meeting – tentative
- June 20th - District Deputy Orientation Meeting tentative
- June 21st – Tank Pull
- June 21st – Father’s Day
- June 27th/28th - Columbiettes State Convention – tentative
- June 30th – Birthday of Christopher Tomasello, MFD
- June 30th – ALL DIRECTORY FORMS DUE
- June 30th – Columbian Award Form due at Supreme

STAY SAFE - STAY HOME

Quarterly Calendar



APRIL 2020

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JUNE 2020

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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 the state website for 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 to 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:

[Joseph Charmello, DD](#)
426 Ridge Rd.
Dayton, NJ 08810



PROGRAM CORNER

Brothers,

Wow, is this a different time for all of us. I never thought I would hear that the NJ State Convention would have ever been cancelled. While I know the State Officers are working on getting virtual meetings in the works so voting, resolutions, and other items can be addressed, I can tell you that the Program area will still be happening. While I will not be able to verbally provide a report to the State and congratulate all the winners at the convention, I will be putting out a list of all the winners. So please continue with your programs (as best you can) realizing that social distancing will curb some of what you will be doing.

Free throw contests are currently suspended with rescheduling being discussed. Check with State Chairman, [John Gazis, FDD](#), for the most current state schedule, as well as the Regional Coordinators for the Diocese schedules.

The Marion Icon Program is also suspended at this time. Also check with your Regional Coordinators to determine when this program will be back up and running. Additionally, [John Truglio, FDD](#) will be sending out notification as to when this program can restart.

All your reports should be in by now. My team has gone through them and we are working on getting the plaques and certificates. Distribution of most of these awards will most likely happen through your District Deputies.

Do not forget our Food for Families programs. If ever there was a time for this program it is now. Many of our seniors cannot get out to the supermarket and many should not risk the exposure to the COVID 19 virus. So contact your local food shelters to see if there is anything, you can do to assist. Moreover, as always should you have any questions regarding this program contact [Ed Visinski](#)

Please heed the instructions of our health advisors as well as the Government. We all know that our Order is an elderly one and we are more susceptible to this virus than the young are. Practice Social Distancing and stay at home if you can. I pray every day that this is short lived and we can get back to some type of normalcy.

Remember we are all in this together and Programs are here to assist with whatever you need. Never hesitate to reach out to your Chairman, Directors, or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Vivat Jesus stay safe, may the Holy Mother of Guadalupe watch over us, and protect us.

[Scott Williams, FDD](#)

NJ State Program Director

**REWARD &
RECOGNITION**

PATRIOTIC CORNER

Sir Knights and brothers all, please know my prayers are with you and your families! These are times that I am sure none of us could imagine. Our thoughts should be more than ever concentrating on making sure we look out for our brothers and their families to help them if we can. Many of us were worried about canceling meetings? Being in the middle of a Pandemic, our issues are far more important that that right now. We need to safeguard our families, neighbors and friends. I am positive none of us thought that we would see a time when the Catholic Church would close its doors for Mass?? Still, it is difficult to completely comprehend that? But I know we are strong and I am sure getting stronger in our faith daily and we continue to pray and seek out Mass online and TV. Our faith will surely continue to get us through this till we all can celebrate Mass again!

We need to stay in touch with our brothers. Here is something I have discussed many times, having a phone chain. Email and texting are great for the speed of communication to get out the message. But, in our time of fear and the unknown, sometimes you need to talk with someone. I hope that each of our Assemblies, and our Councils for that matter, have or will start such a phone tree and I pray it continues long after this passes and it will! We also need to reach out and help our older and more vulnerable members and neighbors for that matter! Keep in mind, if they need help by shopping for them we should still practice safe social distancing. Don't look to stay and visit with them as many of are aware, you don't know that you could be infected for possibly up to two weeks.

Personally I dislike the words "social distancing", because it looks like many people don't get it! So let me help, STAY AWAY FROM EACH OTHER! If you are not essential in your job STAY HOME! It is not a vacation day to go run around! Please take this seriously! The only way to stop it as of this writing is to cut it off so it can't spread! Keep praying to end this Pandemic throughout the world, reach out throughout the phone or social media, help a neighbor, friend and brothers and their families if needed, be a sympathetic ear because sometime you may need someone to lean on when this feels overwhelming!

Turn off the news and watch a movie, trust me the same information will be there a few hours later! Try to minimize your intake of negative news. Read a book, read the bible, do a jigsaw puzzle, if you have supplies try your hand at making a recipe you been putting off and before you know it we will be back to life and miss this time spent with family!

On behalf of Paul Pinkman & Lady Betty Ann - Master 1st NJ District, Andrew Lipenta & Lady Maria - Vice Supreme Master and my wife Lynne and I, please stay safe and we will pray for all of us! Till we meet soon, God Speed to end this Pandemic!
VIVAT JESUS!

[Christopher Tomasello, Sr.](#)

Master, Second New Jersey District



Fr McGivney Guild

Every K of C member should be a member of the Father Michael McGivney Guild. The cost is FREE!!!

The opportunity to join should be presented to the new members at every First Degree and to ALL members on a regular basis. Join on-line at: [Father McGivney's Life](#)

Father McGivney was an idealist. He was a man whose youthful vision and creativity expanded and matured even as his physical well-being diminished



Favors & Testimonials:

When an individual becomes a candidate for sainthood, there is an opportunity to call upon him or her for help. Favors received through Father McGivney's intercession are signs of God's love manifested through the holiness of his life. [Submit/View Intentions](#) Enlist Fr. McGivney as an intercessor for your prayers.

[Report/View Favors](#) Tell the world how Father McGivney has helped you! Write to: The Father McGivney Guild, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven CT 06510-3326

Weekly Guild Mass: Each week a Mass is celebrated by Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, Vice Postulator of the cause for Father McGivney, for the intentions of Guild members.

All Souls Novena of Masses: Between Oct. 24 and Nov. 2, Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, Vice Postulator, celebrates Mass for all deceased relatives and friends The Venerable Father of Guild members.

Prayer for the Canonization of Fr Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Father Michael J. McGivney, on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.)

CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

Brothers:

Even though the coronavirus has shut down our Wildwood Convention and canceled our other events, we can still fight hard to win the race for a Culture of Life! Our work as Knights and Catholic Citizens can continue while maintaining social distance.

Diaper Drive. Our pregnancy care centers still need your support as they struggle to keep their doors open. You



can help while still "sheltering in place" by buying the diapers, wipes, and other needed items on Amazon and have them delivered directly! Use this [LINK](#) to get the supplies and help support NJ Right to Life at the same time.

Catholic Citizenship. Our acts of citizenship are more important than ever, even though we have a Pro-Life President. New Jersey still has no limits on abortion and a pro-abortion governor. We can continue to write letters, send e-mails, etc., and speak out for Life! We may be staying at home, but that does not silence our Catholic Voices!

Prayers for Life. Again, staying at home can't stop us from using the Power of Prayer. The Holy Father called us to prayer on the Feast of St. Joseph by praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary to help us all get through the Corona Virus crisis. Let's keep this going and, while we are at home, say the Rosary daily for the Cause for Life.

Make a Donation. The virus can't stop us from writing a check (unless you lost your job because of it, and then our prayers are with you), so why not make a donation to a pro-life cause? The virus is affecting them, too. For example, Options for Women in Cherry Hill had to postpone their annual dinner from March 24 to June 2. Since this is their major fundraiser for the year, they need help. I am sure they aren't the only ones!

Don't let the Virus keep you from the fight!

Vivat Jesus!

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



INSURANCE MATTERS

Brothers,

Not Ghostbusters...the current crisis reinforces what we already knew. Life is precious, life is beautiful, and life is fleeting, at times. When faced with a crisis, or as the media is calling it, a pandemic, (which is what it really is), we find that the life we live, can be taken from us in a breath, literally.

Social distancing, not being exposed to crowds of people, washing hands, all of these are cures for the common cold and the influenza we all battle each year. The difference is we believe we are tougher than a cold and the vaccines that are out there for the flu each year give us a sense of almost invincibility. We won't get the flu; we had a shot. A cold isn't that bad, we are tough and resilient.

Well, Covid 19, the coronavirus, has taught us that even the strongest and healthiest among us, can be felled by what we cannot control. The coronavirus has reminded us that as technologically advanced as we are, we are still subject to forces outside our control. Covid 19 has given the wake-up call that we all needed.

Be kind to those around you. Help those in need. Be part of the solution and don't do anything that will cause the problem to multiply. Listen to the health experts and realize that nothing the government can do will save you, unless you do what you need to do. If you are going out and seeing people, who are also going out to see other people, you are multiplying your chance at getting the virus.

Now this poses all sorts of problems for the economy, for our psyche and for businesses that depend on people showing up to shop or eat at their establishments. What should not be affected is your commitment to your own health and wellbeing and caring for the health and wellbeing of your family members.

To that end, the Knights of Columbus insurance department is open for business. But we are committed to your safety and wellbeing. We will be, when possible conducting appointments over the phone, and soon over the internet, via a Skype.

Now is a great time to look at your coverage and see if it will truly take care of your family. Now is a great time to review your current needs and goals as compared to your current plan of insurance. If you have been hurt in the market recently, let us help protect your nest egg and your retirement.

And the bonus, is that because we are meeting remotely there is no need to expose yourself or the agent to any potential illness.

Protecting Catholic Families Since 1882, It's what who we are and what we do.

[Charles Miraglia](#) General Agent

WEBMASTER

Don't Block Me, Bro!!!

On March 12th I switched to a new mail server for delivery of information, which is deemed by our State Deputy to be important to our Brother Knights throughout the State.

I do not send jokes; I do not send cartoons; I most certainly do not send SPAM! Everyone listed on our mail server, at one point, opted-in with the understanding that they could opt-out at any time by simply clicking on a link.

At the end of all state mail I add the following **PRIVACY NOTICE:** By submitting your original registration, or accepting an officer or staff position, you agreed to receive official New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus e-mails from "Knights of Columbus State of New Jersey", webmaster@njkofc.org Should you decide, at any time, not to receive official New Jersey State Council correspondence and notifications please click [Unsubscribe](#). **PLEASE:** Remember to notify us if you change phone numbers, addresses, or e-mail addresses as we also update the State Directory and the mail server.

Yet some of you marked us as "Spam" with your Internet Service Providers (ISP), which caused not only OUR mail to be blocked to all other users for that/those ISP companies, but it flagged our server which we share with multiple other companies here and abroad.

So we have moved our mail delivery to "Constant Contact", although to you, the recipient, it still comes from New Jersey State Council via webmaster@njkofc.org.

Yet, some of you are still either "blocking"; "unsubscribing" or worse, flagging our mail as SPAM! Really? Reporting mail from the New Jersey State Council as "Spam"? That is a serious charge. You are stating that you believe we are violating Federal or possibly International laws!!!

If you have a question, before you block us, or report us as Spam – call me. As I have said ad nauseum, I am available 24/7 – 732/504-7496. Call me, before you block me!

Vivat Jesus!!! [Bernie Ernst, FDD](#)

NJ State Council Webmaster

WEBMASTER

SQUIRES CORNER

Brothers, Happy Easter & Happy Spring.

Our Circles in ***Bud Lake, Flemington, Glassboro, Sparta, and Wildwood*** have shut down their programs as well as we have at the State level. Our State wide on site Retreat was cancelled as well as our state Convention. We are now planning our upcoming meetings as Audio and Video Conference calls which we have used over the past several years.

To all Councils, Assemblies & members every year we provide scholarship to many young men & woman. Can you see it in your hearts to make a donation to the scholarship programs listed below, any one or all? These programs are meant to help in the development of our youth. If you have or have had one of your children in private Catholic schools you know the high cost so every little bit helps. I am asking you to contribute to these scholarships, as a Council, Assembly, or individual. Remember the lesson on ***Charity*** from your First Degree and ***Unity*** from the Second Degree & ***Fraternity*** from your Third Degree.

State Squires & Squire Rose Scholarship programs

Fr John M Murray Catholic School
Scholarship - [Steven Martin, PGK](#)

- John Attardo College Scholarship
[Peter Briody, PGK](#)
- Bishop Dougherty Scholarship
[Anthony Bernice, FDD](#)

Chapter 7 of the ***Grand Knights Handbook*** has the ***pledge*** forms as well as the ***scholarship applications*** for your Squires to complete for eligibility to receive a scholarship.

If you are interested in starting a circle of young men or woman contact us at the email below or can be found in your NJ Grand Knights handbook/directory.

[Peter D Briody](#)

State Columbian Squires Director



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Brothers,

Who would have thought at this time last year that we would be in this predicament this year, I know I wouldn't have believed it. This virus has pretty much locked us all in solitary confinement in our homes, unable to meet friends for lunch, hold KofC meetings or even attend Mass.

It is hard to believe Easter is right around the corner and unless Fr McGivney or our Blessed Mother can perform a miracle, Easter will pass without the usual family or community gatherings. This is unprecedented in our history. However, we will prevail over this "inconvenience" to our public and private lives. And as such, we must continue to do our due diligence and prepare ourselves for when this passes.

Unfortunately, the 2020 NJ State Convention has been canceled, at least the Wildwood gathering has. However, your State Council is preparing for a virtual convention online. As cold and unfeeling as it may sound, KofC business has to move ahead, preparing for the day this circumstance ends and this is the best and safest way to proceed with the business of the State Council. Local Councils also can, and should, conduct business meetings this way. The plain fact remains there are obligations to be taken care of, bills to be paid and people depending on us. Please support this convention and our State Officers as they try to steer our State Council through this troublesome time.

That being said, the staff handling the collection of information for the 2020 – 2021 NJ State Directory are preparing to start working on the directory and will depend on you for the correct information being in there. The District Deputies are asked to be collecting the necessary information as soon as Council elections are completed, whether the elections done at a Council meeting, by phone vote, email or a virtual meeting. Per Supreme's By-laws, Council elections must be held between May 15th and June 15th, as some Council hold their business meetings in the second half of the month. **Retiring DD's are asked to collect the information and post in on the State website.**

All Directory forms for Councils must be filed by the District Deputy, Assembly forms filed by the Comptroller or Navigator, Chapter/Federation forms by the retiring Chairman/President. If anyone has questions on procedure, please contact me. Staff forms are due by **June 1st**; District Deputy personal information forms are due by **June 1st**; Council, Assembly, Chapter or Federation forms are due **June 20th**.

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

MILESTONES



*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



Happy Anniversary

State Deputy Vincent Tavormina, 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 "**Patriots Protecting all God's Children!**"

<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHARTER DATE</u>	<u>YRS</u>
<u>2976</u>	<u>Nativity</u>	<u>Clementon</u>	<u>4/1/1946</u>	<u>74</u>
<u>5113</u>	<u>Fr McGill</u>	<u>Collingswood</u>	<u>4/6/1961</u>	<u>59</u>
<u>3826</u>	<u>Annunciation</u>	<u>Beach haven</u>	<u>4/7/1954</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>4186</u>	<u>Rev S P McVeigh</u>	<u>Kenilworth</u>	<u>4/8/1956</u>	<u>64</u>
<u>4211</u>	<u>Ave Maria</u>	<u>Egg Harbor City</u>	<u>4/8/1956</u>	<u>64</u>
<u>3639</u>	<u>St Cecelia</u>	<u>Iselin</u>	<u>4/9/1953</u>	<u>67</u>
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