

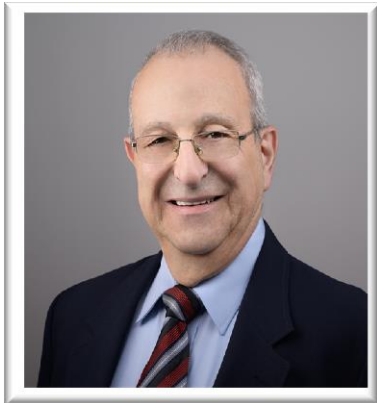


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State Deputy's Message



Vincent Tavormina
State Deputy



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Dear Brother Knights,

I want to offer my congratulations and best wishes to the new Grand Knights and District Deputies. You have taken on a position of leadership in your Council and District. It comes with a lot of responsibility, but also with a lot of opportunity, the opportunity to make a difference. Trust me, you will not be sorry that you said yes to the job. I also want to congratulate the returning Grand Knights and District Deputies. I offer you a heartfelt thanks for a job well done under the most extreme conditions. You certainly made my job easier. I know I am a month late with this, but, as you might imagine, things are a little hectic these days. So, I apologize.

The main reason things have been hectic is trying to plan our events around the Coronavirus. Some, like the State Convention, though still requiring a lot of work and coordination, just meant switching from an in-person to an online event. Others, though, are more complicated. For example, the Installation of State Officers and District Deputies is a very large affair. The Church and a banquet hall have to be secured, invitations sent out, etc. I've already had to postpone it once, from July until September. But there is no guarantee that COVID is going to cooperate.

Brothers, this past month has been a very trying time for all of us. Not only are we continuing to deal with the worst pandemic in over a century, but it seems like the very fabric of our nation is being torn apart. It all started with a very regrettable act by an out-of-control Police Officer in Minneapolis. Unfortunately, some people and some organizations have used that as an excuse to try and undermine our society. One thing that has stood out for us Knights has been the misguided destruction of Christopher Columbus statues. I have received many emails asking what we or Supreme are going to do about it. I wish I had an answer, but I don't. The only thing we can do, right now, is pray. Pray that these people will come to their senses before it is too late.

Well, enough gloomy news. I am very happy with the way we finished the Fraternal Year, despite all the obstacles. While we did not reach our membership goal, we came awfully close and were trending upward for most of the year. I not only want to thank Chris and the Membership team for their total dedication and effort, but you as well. I still say we have the best jurisdiction in the Order, and you prove it every day. Also, a huge thank you to Scott and the Program team for staying strong under exceedingly difficult circumstances, despite a few key programs having to be cancelled due to the virus.

Also, I was very happy to hear that on July 4th, the Township of Bridgewater officially changed the name of Ardsley Lane to Frank DeVita Lane! Ardsley Lane is the street where Frank lives. What an honor, one that is well deserved!

Brothers, we have a big challenge ahead of us this year. When I first became a State Officer 7 years ago, we had over 63,000 members in New Jersey. That number is now under 60,000! There are many reasons for that, but we need to reverse that trend. In today's environment, both physical and moral, it won't be easy, but nothing worth achieving ever is. And, I have total confidence that, with the teams we have in place, along with your efforts and dedication, we will reach our goals.

On behalf of my fellow State Officers, I wish you a productive, and peaceful, rest of the summer. Stay well, stay safe, and stay active. Thank you for all you do.

Vivat Jesus, [Vincent Tavormina](#) State Deputy

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SCHEDULED ONLINE DEGREES

LIVE CUF DEGREE
WED. AUG 5, 2020

Union Council 4504
1034 Jeanette Ave, Union
Candidate registration 7:30 pm

CDC Guidelines and Social
Distancing will be enforced



The online Exemplification of
Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now
available
ON-DEMAND.

Welcome new members
to your council
at their convenience 24/7.
Send the **invitation** to
prospects today.

**NOTE: Councils must file a
form 100 for all candidates
who complete an
online exemplification.**

**For clarification on the difference
between the
Online Ceremony and
Online Membership
(Online Join),
[click here.](#)**

My Brothers at all levels of involvement,

I hope this article finds you and your family safe and well.

Since we started the fraternal year last month, we have gotten off to a slow start. We generally have a slow summer and, with the current pandemic, we find ourselves with a much slower start. We need to turn this around quickly. We need to attract new members throughout the summer, as we cannot take the time off. Supreme has made it much easier for us to get the members in and through the degree process quickly. Utilizing the online membership applications, there is no reason to slow down.

Last year we asked each member to recruit one new member. Well, as we begin to travel and move around again, why don't you ask someone to join? Imagine what we could do if we doubled our Order. Let us use our good works to attract new members. Many people want to help but do not know where to start. As we begin to go back to church in person, many Councils have stepped up with cleaning after masses, being ushers, helping in parking lot, running food drives, etc. Let us ask parishioners to help us and then ask them to join the order.

In some areas, we now can once again hold Charity, Unity, Fraternity degrees in person with social distancing observed. There is no reason a council cannot have a degree team. You only need 4-5 Brothers who at first will read the degree, but as with anything done over and over, it will be routine. We will be getting a copy of the script to all Grand Knight and District Deputies soon.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any member of the membership team for help. Their contact info can be found in the state directory
Be safe and be well.

[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.

2020

August 2020

- August 1 ~ Form #365 due at Supreme
- August 4 ~ Coast Guard Birthday – Fly your Flag
- August 4, 5, 6 ~ Supreme Convention – online
- August 6 ~ Feast of the Transfiguration
- August 12 – Fr Michael J McGinvey’s 168th Birthday
- August 13 ~ Birthday of Anthony Zally, PSD
- August 14 ~ 129th Anniversary of Fr McGinvey’s death
- August 15 ~ Audit Report due at Supreme
- August 15 ~ Assumption of Mary
- August 29 ~ Birthday of Reginald F. Beckett, FSD, FVSM

September 2020

- Sept 7 ~ Labor Day – Fly your Flag
- Sept 11 ~ Patriot’s Day – Fly your Flag
- Sept 14 ~ Birthday of Daniel Rossi, SD, PSD
- Sept 18 ~ Air Force Birthday – Fly your Flag
- Sept 20 – POW/MIA Recognition Day- Fly your Flag
- Sept 27 – Birthday of Raymond Sands, ST

October 2020

- October 6 ~ Birthday of Andrew Lipenta, VSM, PSD, FM
- October 12 – Columbus Day
- October 13 – U.S. Navy Birthday – Fly Your Flag
- October 16 – Birthday of W. James White, FSD, PSD
- October 31 - Halloween

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Please forward this Newsletter to all your council members.



Quarterly Calendar



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Highlighted Program of the Month

FAMILY ROSARY RALLY

Each year, we conduct 2 Family Rosary Rallies 1 in the Southern & 1 in the Northern parts of New Jersey. Refer to 5.10 for the dates for north and south.

As Knights of Columbus we honor our Blessed Virgin Mary, our dear Mother of God by praying the Rosary for the intentions of making reparation for the blasphemy

The Rosary is an old prayer that is always new, leading us to Jesus through Mary. The Blessed Mother urged everyone to pray the Rosary during her apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. She called herself the "Lady of the Rosary," and promised that the Rosary would help people grow in their faith, convert sinners, and bring about world peace. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th when all are invited to meditate upon the mysteries of Christ by following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in recalling the incarnation, passion, and glorious resurrection of the Son of God. The Rosary is a prayer with a long tradition, yet it is still a prayer for us today. It is simple and powerful, and is credited with granting tremendous favors and blessings.

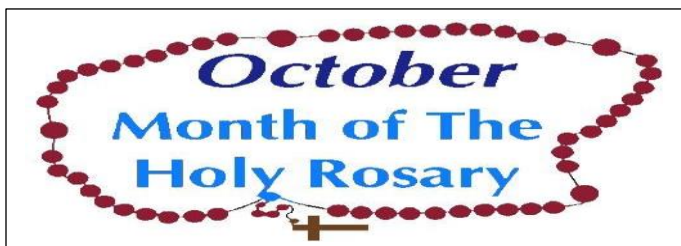
The Joyful Mysteries The Luminous Mysteries
The Sorrowful Mysteries The Glorious Mysteries

Are your Council Members routinely saying the Rosary at your meetings? Are you routinely saying the Rosary with your family?

For those attending from afar, consider the following: Pack a lunch; Car or Van Pool, Council Cluster and Rent a Bus; bring your Council's Banner and Flag. Our strength is in our Unity. The Rosary will nourish family life. "Help Keep a Promise to Say the Rosary."

ROSARY RALLY NORTH –
Contact [Peter Kueken, Jr, FDD](#)

ROSARY RALLY SOUTH –
Contact [Peter Cassiano, FDD](#)



FLY THE FLAG

With all our nation is going through right now, we need God now more than ever. Fly your flag at home, your business, wherever you can, and under it fly the One Nation Under God pennant.

Our goal with these programs is to increase the knowledge and understanding of and promote the proper displaying, respect and care of our national sovereign.

We are asking all councils in the state to Fly their Flags at their Council home as well as from their personal homes during the year, especially on the following dates:

- Labor Day – September 7, 2020
- Patriot Day – September 11, 2020
- Air Force Birthday – September 18, 2020
- Columbus Day – October 12, 2020
- Navy Birthday – October 13, 2020
- United Nations Day – October 24, 2020
- Election Day – November 3, 2020
- Marine Corps Birthday – November 10, 2020
- Veteran's Day – November 11, 2020
- Thanksgiving Day – November 28, 2020
- Pearl Harbor Day – December 7, 2020
- Christmas Day – December 25, 2020
- New Year's Day -- January 1, 2021
- President's Day – January 15, 2021
- Martin Luther King Day – January 18, 2021
- Lincoln's Birthday – February 12, 2021
- Washington's Birthday – February 22, 2021
- Armed Forces Day – May 15, 2021
- Memorial Day – May 31, 2021
- D- Day - Jun 6, 2021
- Flag Day - June 14, 2021
- Army Birthday - June 14, 2021
- Independence Day - July 4, 2021

We feel that our display of the Flag of our Nation at these times will renew and increase every American to show their Patriotic feelings. Hopefully remembering what the day stands for, rather than another shopping spree

And please remember to help keep us
ONE NATION UNDER GOD

[John A Gazis, FDD](#)

State Chairman, One Nation Under God/Fly the Flag

PROGRAM CORNER

My Brother Knights,

Well here we are in the Summer months and like most of us in the summer, our Councils scale back. If nothing else, consider at least planning out your programs for the year. Fill out your Columbian Award (SP-7 Form) and then work towards completing the form with your programs. This is a great way to achieve your goals for the year. Additionally, once you have completed your programs to the form send it in. Do not wait until the end of the year. The sooner you get it in the sooner you can check it off your list.

Also due to the Corona Virus, Supreme has changed the Program requirements for this year. **THERE WILL BE NO REQUIRED PROGRAMS.** As in the past you will still have to complete 16 programs for the year with 4 programs in each Program Category. However, there will be 4 **FEATURED PROGRAMS** in each Program Category. These **Featured Programs will count for 2 programs** in the category. Theoretically, you could do **8 Programs** and meet all your requirements for the Columbian Award. The requirements for the Featured Programs are available on the Supreme Website (www.kofc.org). These Featured Programs are as follows: **FAITH – RSVP, INTO THE BREACH, SPIRITUAL REFLECTION, AND HOLY HOUR, COMMUNITY – COATS FOR KIDS, GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AND LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND, FAMILY – FOOD FOR FAMILIES, FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR, FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT, AND FAMILY FULLY ALIVE, AND FOR LIFE – MARCH FOR LIFE, SPECIAL OLYMPICS, ULTRASOUND PROGRAM, AND PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT.**

I would also like to make sure everyone is aware of the **Hockey Challenge Program**. It is remarkably similar to the Soccer Challenge and Free throw Contest. It is a great way to recruit new members by encouraging the youth's fathers to get involved. Additionally, this program allows for Social Distancing which is so important currently. Please get the Hockey Challenge Playbook from Supreme along with the Hockey Challenge Kit #HC-Kit.

Finally, remember to do your form 365 so your personnel can get certified in the Safe Environment Program. Without filing the form 365 Supreme will not know who needs the training.

Let us not forget that we are **"PATRIOTS PROTECTING ALL GODS CHILDREN"** in our daily actions both personally and through our Councils.

Remember, we are only a phone call or email away. [Scott Williams, FDD](mailto:Scott.Williams@FDD), General Program Director

PATRIOTIC COLORS

Dear Brother Sir Knights,

As I navigate this final message as Master of the 2nd NJ District. My 4 year term will come to a close on September 1st. I wanted to reach out to all the members of the 2nd NJ District who supported me and my team and the principals of the 4th degree. We certainly had challenging times and many hurdles to climb, but it was certainly worth it as we have stuck together and we will continue to right the ship! Well this does not happen alone, it takes a team. I need to thank my Secretary, traveling partner and friend Ken Blankenbuehler, my District Marshals John Gazis, Albert Karwowski, Michael Walter for all their support, and my entire staff & degree team. I wish I could name them all but there is such limited room. I would be remiss not to thank my District Friar, my compass, spiritual guide and friend. Father Edward Namiotka thank for all your support and guidance when I got off course, you kept me navigating the trouble waters and always bringing the ship to dock safely!

I am proud of what we have accomplished and very proud to have 1,070 new Sir Knights in my 4 year term! I was honored to serve under Reggie Beckett VSM, FSD and Andy Lipenta VSM, PSD. Gentlemen it was an honor to work and learn from each of you and I will remember each of you fondly forever, it was a pleasure. I like to thank each of the former Masters for their support and advice, Albert Chrobocinski, Jack Persia, Steve Richardson, Andrew Lipenta and Chester Kulak. I wish to express a special thank you to Chester Kulak, thank you for your support, guidance and confidence in me and my abilities; you have my respect and appreciation always!

I was proud to serve under State Deputies, Bruce DeMolli, Robert Hatler and Vincent Tavormina, thank you your support it was a pleasure to serve and work with each of you, thank you. As I heard many times as a Knight, "I met great people that without the Knights would never have happened!" Well, nothing could be truer than my term as Master working with all my brother Knights including working with the 1st NJ District with Former Master Russell Petrocelli SW, who was there to help and support when I first was appointed Master. Thank you Russ! Now it is a pleasure to work side by side with Master Paul Pinkman. Thanks to both of you for your help and support I will truly miss working with you brothers.

I made every effort to help and support each and every Sir Knight in my District that I could, we worked hard and made some changes to try to help advance our order forward. I hope each of you knew I was there and supported you. We even hosted a virtual Exemplification on Flag Day for the entire St Isaac Jogues Province, which includes New York and New Jersey. We will try to always be "Religiously Devoted and Patriotically Proud". Unfortunately how the calendar is, at the time of writing this I am not able to know who will succeed me at the end of my term, however just know that I promise my support to any of the gentlemen who are nominated and will work with you for a smooth transition.

To all brothers in New Jersey, keep in mind, this country needs you, possibly more than ever, to support her! That being said, we need to reach out to all our brothers and explain the virtues of becoming a Sir Knight. Remember it's not just a title, it's an honor! RECRUIT!!! I hope each of you stay healthy and well and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Before I close, I must thank 2 people whose support and love helped me during my term as Master, my wife Lynne and my son Chris. Thank you for your help and understanding, I couldn't have filled this position without you.

Again, it's been absolutely amazing to serve as your District Master, and I'm wishing you nothing but the best as you move forward.

Vivat Jesus, [Chris Tomasello](mailto:Chris.Tomasello), Master, 2nd New Jersey District

HISTORY OF THE NJ STATE COUNCIL BY Joseph Luciano, PSD

John Cone, a civil and mechanical engineer, had earned his degree in Montreal and employed with a firm in New York City, although he lived in Jersey City. When the Democratic political machine was voted out of office because of municipal misconduct, high taxes and fraud, Col Peter Wanser, a Republican, was elected Mayor and promised to bring reform to City Hall. He recruited talented men from the community to help improve the current conditions, appointing Cone in 1894 to the board of Street and Water Commissioners. Later the Mayor asked him to become the City Fire Commissioner.

Well respected in the community, Cone attracted men of similar ilk. He must have been impressed by Cummings, who had been appointed National Organizer (1893 – 1899) for the Knights of Columbus by Supreme Knight Phelan. A charter member of the Bunker Hill Council in Boston, Ma., Cummings was also National Master of Ceremonies for the Degrees of Knighthood and an articulate spokesman. In a Catholic Boston magazine, he had written: "With true American patriotism they (the KofC) demand from their members respect for manhood and liberty for the individual, particularly that liberty which is the essence of all liberty and which was first planted on this continent by Roman Catholics, viz: Freedom to worship God according to one's conscience. They ask that no man's social and civil rights be affected by his religious beliefs. Accordingly, the unjust and un-American attempt on the part of a certain coterie of bigoted writers to belittle the character of Columbus simply because he was a Roman Catholic, naturally meets with their dissent and disapproval."

He could boast of his successes in the boroughs of New York having instituted New York Council 124 on May 12, 1895 and Columbus Council 126 two weeks later, his zeal for the Church and his boundless fraternalism infused another group of men with the same Columbian spirit of its founder, Fr Michael J McGivney, a parish priest from New Haven, Ct. Along with Cummings, Cone and a small group of men met at the home of Dr. John Broderick in October, 1895, where the National Organizer talked about the success that the Knights had recently experienced in New York City and promised that if these Jerseyites could recruit at least 30 men to form a Council, he would bring Brother Knights across the Hudson River for the installation. On November 3, 1895, twenty-eight Irishmen from the neighborhood were joined by "150 Knights from the New York area (who) witnessed the ceremonies in which John J Cone, a businessman active in the Democratic Party" was installed as the Grand Knight of a newly-formed Council whose name designated its location: Jersey City Council 137. During the first 2 years of existence, the Council's membership reached a crippling increase slowly but steadily. Gradually, however, membership reached a crippling number for the Council chambers to accommodate. The once nominal initiation fee had reached a prohibitive amount, but the applications continued to flow in. District Deputy Hopkins decided to organize new Councils in the area. "Five hundred applications for membership were sent to him between September and November 1899. From these, 150 men were chosen, and these were again divided up into 3 divisions of 50 each. These 50 formed the Charter membership of 3 new Councils, Paulus Hook Council 475, Conception Council 482, and Hope Council 483.

At first the 4 Councils (Jersey City, Paulus Hook, Conception and Hope) convened their business meetings in Fisher's Hall, but the luxurious surroundings of the Elk's Lodge they could not resist. So successful and comforting were the accommodations that the members planned to replicate such a clubhouse for themselves. A committee of 8 Knights, 2 from each Council, met on March 13, 1905, to select a befitting site for the members and to convince the 1,300 Knights in Jersey City that the selection was worth it. The 8 Committeemen were:

Jersey City 137	J. Hopkins, Chairman;
	M. O'Donnell;
Paulus Hook 475	H. Moran;
	D. Hart, Secretary;
Conception 482	A. McMahon;
	F. Richardson;
Hope 483	F. Kelaher
	J. O'Keefe

On June 30, 1905, the committee purchased the Palma Club, which became the clubhouse for the 4 Councils and governed by the Columbian Club drawn from the total membership.

(To be continued in the September issue)

INSURANCE MATTERS

What is a Life Insurance Policy to You?

- You and your life insurance policy have similar purposes in this world.
- It's your job to provide food, clothing, shelter, medicine, and schooling for your loved ones while you are alive. It's the job of your life insurance to do that for your family, when you pass.
- Your family has faith and trust in you to provide for them out of your earnings. Someday, and only God knows when, your insurance policy will trade places with you and provide the money your family needs to survive. When you are laid to rest and go to your eternal reward, your policy comes alive to do your job for your family.
- You may feel the price for keeping the life insurance policy is a burden when you are alive, but think about the burden you will put on your family if you die without life insurance, and without your earnings to sustain them.

Here are some statistics that shocked me when I heard them:

- Only 3 in 10 people have insurance at work, (and usually no more than twice their salary).
- Only 4 in 10 people have personal insurance.
- 75% say the reason that they don't buy life insurance is they don't know how much they need.
- 80% say the reason that they don't buy life insurance is they think they can't afford it.
- 91% of people say that they want to have, at least, their final expenses covered

How many of you think nothing of spending \$100 a month, or more, on a cell phone bill?

How many of you think nothing of spending \$150 a month, or more, on cable TV and streaming services?

How many of you think nothing of dropping \$100 on going out to dinner every week and \$50 a week on takeout, (pre-

That's who we are and what we do; faith, family, and financial security. Knights of Columbus protecting Catholic families since 1882.

[Charles Miraglia](#)
General Agent

CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

Brothers,

If you have not already done so, please appoint a Respect Life Chairman and a Religious and Civil Rights Chairman for your council. Once you have, be sure to let us know, so that we can get e-mails and other information to them. This can be done easily by online form for [Respect Life](#) and [R&C](#).

It's not too early to start planning for Pro-Life Month in October, and there's a lot you can still do, even if COVID-19 is still with us. The perfect lead-in is 40 Days for Life, which runs from September 23 to November 1. This can be done with masks and 6 feet apart! Let the women facing this choice know that there is an alternative to abortion.

If your council wants to get involved in this, you should start planning soon, as September will be here before you know it! If you have any questions, Chairman Brother Kiernan can be reached at 856-261-3074, mvkiernan@verizon.net, or 1735 Sycamore St., Haddon Height., NJ 08035.

After that, your council can support the Torch Run for Special Olympics, which is on October 9. Show our Order's support for the athletes by joining them at the start of any of the numerous runs or along the runs throughout the state. For information on what you can do and how to donate, go to www.njtorchrun.org.

Then don't forget the Silver Rose, which we will have from October 18 to November 14. Make arrangements NOW by informing the State Chairman you are interested, and he will choose a date for you. Arrangements are made through the State and Diocesan Chairman for hand-offs and service schedules. Your District Deputy will work with you to make the necessary contacts and arrangements for your council to host and sponsor a Silver Rose event in your parish. For information about the Rose and its general location at any given time, go to: www.RunningOfTheRose.org.

But don't wait until October to do something for the Cause for Life! The pregnancy care centers here in New Jersey need your financial and material support to keep their doors open during the pandemic. Get them monetary donations, diapers, wipes, and whatever they need! Planned Parenthood doesn't have to worry about staying open; they're getting our tax money! Don't let them be the only choice once this pandemic is over!

Good luck in your efforts, and Vivat Jesus!

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

Ethnic & Cultural Development

Have you ever wondered why our religion is called the “Catholic” Church? It wasn’t always but it has been for over 95% of its history. Originally the members of the Early Church, who considered themselves Jew, referred to themselves as “followers of ‘the Way’”. It was in 41 A.D., a full eight years after the events of our Lord’s Passion, Death, Resurrection, Ascension, and Seating at the Right Hand of the Father, as described in The Acts of the Apostles that “the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). The third Bishop of Antioch, St. Ignatius of Antioch, himself a disciple of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, in his Epistle to the Smyrnaeans (the Christian community in the ancient city of Smyrna [located in what is now the modern Turkish city of Izmir, on the Aegean Coast]), written between 108 and 110 A.D. used the Greek word “katholikos”, meaning “universal” to describe the Church. He wrote: “Wherever the bishop shall appear, there let the multitude [of the people] also be; even as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.”

Why is the Church universal? Because the Christian faith is whole, full and complete, lacking nothing, and all-embracing. Unlike the pagan religions and cults of the Egyptians, Akkadians, Sumerians, Babylonians, Canaanites, Phoenicians, Syrians, Greeks, Romans, Celts, or Germans, for the first time in human history, the Truth is proclaimed to all people, without exclusion, regardless of gender, language, race, color, ethnicity, or social or economic status or class.

So it should come as no surprise that the largest lay Catholic organization in the World should have as one of its goal ethnic and cultural outreach. Just fifteen years after the Order’s founding, in 1897, the first council outside the United States, Montreal Council 284, in Francophone, Quebec was founded. In 1905 both Manila Council 1000, in Tagalog-speaking Philippines, and Guadalupe Council 1050 in Spanish-speaking Mexico City were founded. In the next several years the Knights expanded into other nations in Latin America and the Caribbean. In 2006 the Order had its first international expansion in almost a century with the chartering of John Paul II Council 14000 in Krakow, Poland. In 2015 the first two councils in the Republic of Korea, St. Andrew Kim Daegun Council 16000 and St. Paul Chong Hasang Council 16178, both of the capital city of Seoul were chartered. The following year, 2016 was a busy year for the Order with expansion into three territories; Ukraine, Lithuania, and France. In my next article I will discuss developments a little closer to home.

[Peter Walentowicz, FDD,](#)

Ethnic & Cultural Development Director

WEBMASTER

Please, Don’t Keep Hitting The “Submit” Button

Welcome to newly elected / re-elected Grand Knights and Council Officers and Chairmen, as well as new / returning District Deputies! You will find that we have made your lives even easier, for you to locate & file State & Supreme forms electronically – and on time!!!

1. We have merged the chart of **required** forms.
2. We sorted those forms chronologically by their due date; and we sorted them alphabetically when multiple forms are due on the same date; finally, we provided a link to the form.
3. All forms are accessible to your Council’s chairmen or directors – provided they [register](#) for a log-in authorization.
4. Most forms are reportable to either State OR Supreme, although there a few programs that require separate reporting. Please be sure to do both to receive FULL credit.

OK, just a few rules:

1. Use upper and lower case on ALL forms, especially addresses and e-mail addresses.
2. Do NOT use ALL CAPS or nicknames.
3. Enter phone numbers as ###-###-####, if there is no phone number enter 000-000-0000.
4. Only use 5 digits for the zip code.
5. For those completing the State Directory Forms, for each 2019-2020 role you are entering, the top line drop-down is “A New Entry”. Any corrections to that role, are “An Update”.
6. Most Important: When you are done completing your form, scroll through it and check for errors. Then, click the “Submit” button ONCE and only once! Clicking “Submit” will not do any good.

Depending on your Internet Service Provider; connection; and your computer’s speed, your submission may take as little as 4 seconds to maybe 15 seconds to accept and verify – our computers and servers are super-fast – our computers are waiting on yours!

If everything is good, and there are no errors the page will refresh and you will be given a “Thank You!” and an option to view, save, and print a PDF.

IF there are errors, the screen will “blink” and an improper field or data will have a “hint” underneath the field box, correct and hit “Submit” (ONCE).

Vivat Jesus!!!

[Bernie Ernst, FDD,](#)

NJ State Council Webmaster



SQUIRES CORNER

Greetings Brothers,

The Dog days of summer are here, with the Covid situation still with us our activities are not what we would like them to be. Our circles are moving forward in spite of restrictions and doing what we do as squires; Serve God, Serve our fellow man and have fun while we do it.

Our circles have had their elections and the new officer reports are due and we will be sharing the results once they are all collected and recorded. Some upcoming events include:

- A Squire run food drive for local food pantries in early August.
- A Squire run car wash that will accept credit card payments to help with social distancing.
- A craft/vendor sale to support a circle's charitable giving.
- A new circle monthly newsletter
- A joint circle rafting trip on the Lehigh river

Our circles are working hard to do whatever they can to keep busy during the pandemic but as things open up so are our circles. If your council doesn't have a circle perhaps you should consider starting one because there is no better way to grow your membership than by growing your own Knight!

I can be reached at njsquires@gmail.com, or trohekofc@gmail.com or 973-479-5067 God Bless and thank you for all your support.

Esto-Dignus- Be worthy

[Tom Rohe](#)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

DEADLINES!!!

I know this is something we have all heard before, but it bears repeating. While they can be annoying, deadlines are set for very good reasons. Deadlines are set so we are not scrambling at the last minute to get things done. Just because a form, or even a bill, has a certain due date, does that mean we should wait until 1 or 2 days before to get them ready to send in?

If there were no deadlines, how would anything get accomplished? We have had them in all phases of our life, in school there were reports due by certain dates. At our jobs, our employers would like things done by certain days. In my job as a contractor, they are called "completion dates" (I just recently missed one myself). Your position as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, District Deputy or State Chairman has dates that reports need to be in to the State Office or Supreme. Hopefully, you have sent in your List of Chosen Officers and Chairmen or Audits already. If not, it might be a good thing to get them in soon.

I, myself, have set certain deadlines. This publication has deadlines for the contributors to send their articles in, and the State Directory has a deadline to get the information in so we can get the book out to the Councils, Assemblies, Chapters, Federations, and chairmen by the middle of September. When that deadline is not met, the book gets out late, as it might this year.

Now, on to something different, something positive. We are embarking on a new Columbian year, setting new goals for ourselves, our Councils, our Assemblies and Chapters and Federations. We have new Officers in our areas, new ideas to enact and new programs to try to work into our calendar. But that doesn't mean we forget about what has gotten us to where we are today, what made your Council or Assembly an important part of your Parish and community.

Some Councils have been giving gifts, offered through our Keep Christ Before Us program, to the families at Baptisms, Communions and Confirmations for years, which falls in line with Supreme's Sacramental Gifts program, so that would be easy to incorporate into the SP7 when needed. There are other new programs put out by Supreme that might have a positive impact in your area. Please look through the 2020 – 2021 Grand Knight's Manual and see which programs might work in your Parish Community.

On a final note, the State Directory is available on the state website for those with level 2 or higher access to the site. The finished directory is not at the printer yet, updates can and should be made through the state website, utilizing the Directory forms which are always available on the site.

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

MILESTONES



*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHARTER DATE</u>
<u>253</u>	<u>Elizabeth</u>	<u>Elizabeth</u>	<u>8/1/1897</u>
<u>11409</u>	<u>Fr James A Russell</u>	<u>Warren</u>	<u>8/1/1994</u>
<u>11415</u>	<u>Millstone Vale</u>	<u>Hillsborough</u>	<u>8/1/1994</u>
<u>5015</u>	<u>Msgr Eugene S Burke</u>	<u>River Edge</u>	<u>8/2/1960</u>
<u>12974</u>	<u>Msgr James Gacquin</u>	<u>Layton</u>	<u>8/5/2001</u>
<u>2393</u>	<u>St Elizabeth</u>	<u>Bernardsville</u>	<u>8/8/1922</u>
<u>6504</u>	<u>East Hanover</u>	<u>East Hanover</u>	<u>8/20/1973</u>
<u>12769</u>	<u>Mary Immaculate</u>	<u>Secaucus</u>	<u>8/23/2000</u>
<u>7648</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary</u>	<u>Jersey City</u>	<u>8/28/1980</u>
<u>5337</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>Willngboro</u>	<u>8/29/1962</u>

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 "**Anchored in our Charity and Fraternity!**"

Happy Anniversary

[NOTE: Due to the large number of anniversaries in certain months, we may have to limit the publishing list to the names of councils celebrating their 25th, 50th, 75th and 100th Anniversary in some months. When there is adequate space for more, we will include all Councils]

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