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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

As we begin the month of August, it is important for us to concentrate on membership growth for our councils. Two years ago, Supreme Council introduced, the theme, which is called the Power of One. The Power of One is a challenge to every council to recruit at least one new member per council per month. This strategy reminds us that recruitment occurs not just once or twice a year during Church drives, but membership growth opportunities are available to us 365 days a year, twelve months a year!

Our focus is to grow the Order in New Jersey so we can strengthen our support for our Church and our communities, allowing us to more ably serve those in need and better tackle the critical moral issues our society faces including the right to life and religious freedom. By recruiting new members into our councils, we will also increase the available council members to assist with our charitable and fraternal programs, we will also have a new source of ideas and enthusiasm, and we will increase the pool of future leadership. In addition, we will provide these new members the same opportunity to grow in their faith and to be better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers, better grandfathers, and better citizens. Growing our Order is a win-win for the councils, our Church, society and the new members and their families. There is no substitute for simple one-on-one personal recruitment. As added incentives, the State Council will continue our recruitment reward programs started last year. So let's schedule first degrees for August, at least one per district per month, and continue scheduling first degrees as a standard for each month throughout the year.

Our first program this year will be the "Summer Three for All Program." Any Brother who recruits three or more members between July 1 and September 30, 2014 will receive a specially designed golf shirt.

On August 3rd I will lead a delegation who will be attending the 132nd Supreme Convention, this year hosted by the Florida State Council at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Florida. If you have the opportunity, tune into EWTN on your Televisions to pray with us during the Opening Mass at 9:30 a.m. on August 5th. Then continue to watch later that day for the Opening Business Meeting with Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson's important opening address at 1 p.m. and finally that day, the States Dinner at 7:30 p.m.







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Brothers, please also note that **August 12th is the 132nd anniversary of Father McGivney's birth**. Let's honor our founder by helping to grow the Order and keeping alive the vision and mission of Father McGivney. It is very simple – ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH as we proudly, loudly, *Proclaim and Defend our Faith!*

Fraternally,
Andy Lipenta
State Deputy

PARISH COMMUNION BREAKFASTS

I know that many Councils help their local Pastor's host communion breakfasts at the church by actually cooking the breakfast in many cases. If you are not doing so already, I think you should ask the Pastor or the priests of the parish to give the Knights of Columbus a little plug. You should also have material available to solicit members. Here is a case where the people of the parish are actually seeing, first hand, the kinds of things we do. So many times we ask ourselves, "How do we reach out to people to get them to join." Well, these people came to you, take advantage of the opportunity if you can.

You should also ask the Pastor to give a short pitch [a plug] on the **other community things you do** [by supplying him with a list] in addition to hosting breakfasts. Coming from him there is a greater chance that people will listen versus someone from the council speaking. You have a captive audience, seize the opportunity! After Father finishes, put your new **council brochures** to good use. If you don't have one, your **newsletter staff can supply you with a template** that you can alter and adapt to your councils specific information. All you have to do is make a request to Walter at **immrm@ptd.net** . If you have any give-a-ways [i.e. pens] put them to good use.

We know that doing the things we do is noble and great. Having more members would mean being able to do much more of the same. People need to know that we are not just those guys with the "capes, swords, and fancy hats."

So don't just "dish out" the eggs and go home; "take in" some new recruits while you are at it. Now, that's what I call "bringing home the bacon."



Greetings from the flatlands down Jersey!

Summer is in full swing and I hope you are enjoying it with friends and family, making the memories we share again and again over our lifetime. Remember to look forward into the Columbian Year before August ends. You need to **develop a service program calendar** and **have a plan in place** to make it a successful year. Taking the time now, will allow you to enjoy the programs and make more happy memories.

How can we make the service program calendar and plan an easier assignment? My suggestion is to **use** the SP7 form (Columbian Award Application) as your guide to a well-rounded Council. Review last year's form and complete the form for this coming year now in August. Keep in mind that Supreme has given us a great tool in the Fraternal Leadership Success Planner and State Council has produced the **Grand Knights' Handbook**. Both resources have ideas to make this the best of years. Once you have the SP7 completed, transpose the activities to your calendar in the Supreme Planner using the GK handbook for the dates; Three birds with one stone.

To help increase the level of good that each of our councils do, Supreme introduced a series of **"Featured Programs."** All of the programs have the following in common:

- They help others in need and give glory to God.
- They engage not just members of our Council but incorporate others from our parish and community.
- They help us encourage other like-minded Catholic men to join.
- They attract the attention of local media that "community interest" article all the local news editors are looking for and we need to spread the word

If the "Featured Programs" seem too difficult for your council to achieve alone, talk to your District Deputy about making one or several of the programs a District endeavor or even a Chapter or Federation undertaking. Supreme will give credit to all the councils involved for their participation.

Our **August considerations** should be:

- An **organizational meeting** with your directors and chairmen to share our enthusiasm and goals.
- Organizing a "Featured Program" (e.g. Coats for Kids, feed the hungry) to include non-knights
- The **Supreme Convention** in Orlando Florida, August 5 thru 7
- File your 365 form (Service Program Personnel). It is due August 1st, but will be accepted late
- Venerable Fr McGivney's Birthday, 8/12 and his memorial 8/14
- The Order wide Family Celebration week, August 11 thru 17
- the Soccer Challenge kit, should be ordered by 8/19

August is a busy month, but **planning ahead** will assure great memories and achieved goals.

Let us, together, do our best to develop a calendar of programs with the tools supplied by our State Council and Supreme. Remember, have fun in doing and promoting God's work while bringing other like-minded Catholic men into our Order as we *Proclaim and Defend our Faith*. Vivat Jesus!

Yours in friendship and fraternity,

Ray Sands FDD http://dssjnow.info/



"Our worship should not be confined to times and places; it should be the spirit of our lives."



The "Editor's" Page - Editorial Commentary

What does the K of C do for me? - by Bro. Walter F. Marino, Staff Writer

Have you ever heard that question asked? I have; and I have thought about what the answer should be. I have come up with a number of responses. But, I can't help but keep asking myself, "Why is it asked?" and "should it be asked or for that matter even answered?" This becomes a rather sticky issue because I lean toward the side of NOT asking the question in the first place. So maybe for me the best way to answer the question is to explain why I wouldn't ask it

I joined the Knights of Columbus way back in the late 50's along with my good childhood friend **Frank Manganelli, FDD**. We were asked to join **Loyola Council #477 in**



Brooklyn NY because a friend, who was a Knight, said "we



need you to help out." Later on, after joining [which BTW didn't require anything more than him asking], we learned that "help out" meant cooking for the meetings and council dinner dances, attending church

and charitable functions, organizing numerous events, remodeling two clubhouses and getting very heavily



involved in the Columbian
Squires program in our
Council and throughout
the State of New York



and the Mid-Atlantic region. All of this took a lot of our spare time and energy. But, looking back, I don't think either one of us ever asked "what are the Knights of Columbus doing for me?" In a very short time after joining, it became very obvious that the Knights of Columbus relied heavily upon me, Frank and all our Brother Knights, to further its programs, grow our ranks and to fulfill the vision of Father McGivney. The question of "What's in it for me?" never entered my mind. It did not then and it does not now, after 57 years and a heck of a lot more "helping out." I became a District Warden and Frank went on to become a Financial Secretary, Charter Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, District Deputy, and Federation Chairman and has been a Director on the Staff of State Deputies since 1998. And so my Brothers, I am not saying you should not ask the question. What I am saying is that

you should first ask yourself, "Why am I asking the question?"

If you feel that the Knights of Columbus does not engage in the work fostered by our founder, then maybe your question should be "Tell me what the K of C is doing." But, I do not think it is necessary to ask that. If you are an active member you already know the many good works and functions the Knights of Columbus sponsors and participate in, which by the way on a State level, is the subject of many articles appearing in this E-Newsletter. If you are not an active member, then I understand why you would ask any and all of these questions.

So, the bottom line as I see it is, become an active member and ALL of your questions will be answered without your having to ask them. And, if you find out [like I did] that the hard work is also fun and you get to meet a lot of great people, why not share the experience with friends or family members who are not proud Brother Knights yet! By the way, you DO NOT have to sell the Knights of Columbus. If you just talk to them [like I am doing in this article] about your experiences and what YOU do, it will sell itself. Like everything else in life that you like, SHARE IT with a friend! After all, keeping it to yourself would be selfish! Ask someone you know to "HELP OUT" today.



Our first Catholic President and Brother Knight, John F. Kennedy, once said, "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country!"



I would like to offer you my version:



"Ask not what YOUR
Knights of Columbus can do for YOU,
but what YOU can do for YOUR
Knights of Columbus so that together WE
can continue to do for OTHERS!"

In Next Month's Edition - "Have We Forgotten Them?"

Culture of Life Corner

Brothers:

It is already August! Where is the summer going? In my experience, it is over before you know it, so I hope that you have started at least one Culture of Life program by now! Also, if you have not already done so, please be sure to **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**. We need you to do this, even if it is the same person as last year!

<u>Disabilities Drive</u>: Please be sure to report to the state chairman, **Gary Seals**, as soon as possible as to how you are doing with this drive, and send in the funds collected, so that the money may be distributed. The form is available on the state council web site here. **LINK**

As to the distribution, please be sure that the organizations that you designate for distribution meet the criteria for the program. Money can only be donated to bona fide programs for the intellectually disabled. We need to be sure that the money given to the organization can only be used for that purpose. Since this is not always apparent from the name of the organization (e.g. ARC), sometimes more explanation is necessary, so please be specific in your report. Also, the organization must be one that is a charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If you are unsure, you can search on the IRS site at this LINK .

<u>Voter Registration Drive</u>: We need to encourage the vote and **hold voter registration drives**. This year we are looking to hold them not only in our parishes (where allowed by the pastor and the bishop) but in our Catholic high schools as well in order to get the 18-year-old seniors registered to vote for the first time! What a great way to encourage Catholic Citizenship in our youth! Since not all of them will be 18 in time for the November elections, be sure to hold this drive in the Spring as well. Everything you need to run your drive can be found at this **LINK**.

<u>Catholic Citizenship</u>: We have had a couple big victories in Catholic citizenship and Culture of Life this past month with the Hobby Lobby Decision (and the failure of the Senate bill to nullify it) and the dropping of the Assisted Suicide Bill by the New Jersey Legislature. Do not be discouraged! Our speaking out (and voting) matters! So we always need more people to participate in Our Catholic Voice in the Media and write letters to the newspapers. If you or someone in your council is interested in helping, **contact Ron Prykanowski** at ourcatholicvoice@njkofc.org.

We are making strides, so keep up the fight. Let's **Proclaim** and **Defend Our Faith** to bring about a **Culture of Life**!

Vivat Jesus!

Steven J. Richardson, FM Culture of Life Programs Director



Membership Corner

Worthy Grand Knights,

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming membership training sessions which will be held around the state. Be sure to **invite your council membership director** so he can learn the latest techniques about **how to recruit and retain members**.

Membership Training Sessions:

During August / September Membership training sessions will be held at the following locations:

Camden:

- O Thursday, August 7, 2014, 7:00 p.m., St Joseph Church, 606 Shore Rd, Somers Point, N.J. 08244
- O Wednesday, **September 24, 2014**, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., *Holy Child Council #3532*, 318 Empire Ave, Hilltop N.J. 08012

Newark:

- O Saturday, **September 6, 2014**, 9:00 a.m. To 12:00 noon, *Queen of Peace Council #3428*, 194 River Road, North Arlington, N.J. 07031
- O Saturday, **September 20, 2014**, 9:00 a.m. at Saint Thomas More Church, *Fairfield Council #6380*, 12 Hollywood Avenue, Fairfield, N.J. 07004

Metuchen:

- O Saturday, **September 13, 2014**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, *Somerville Council #1432*, 495 E. Main Street, Somerville, N.J. 08876
- O Saturday, **September 27, 2014**, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, *Somerville Council #1432*, 495 E. Main Street, Somerville, N.J. 08876

Paterson:

O - Saturday, **September 6, 2014**, 8:00 a.m. at *Bishop Navagh Council #5943*, 84 Lincoln Park Road, Pequannock, N.J. 074

Trenton:

O Wednesday, **September 24, 2014**, 7:30 p.m., **St. Martha's Council #7926** in the Parish Hall,

3800 Herbertsville Road, Point Pleasant, N. J. 08742

O - Tuesday, **September 30, 2014** 7:30 p.m. *Hightstown Council #6284* in the Parish Hall of St. Anthony of Padua Church Hightstown, 251 Franklin Street, Hightstown, N. J. 08520

Remember:

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month."

Brothers, each year we have about 75 members of the Squire Circles throughout the state that turn 18 years old and become eligible to join our Order. I encourage those of you whose councils support a Squires Circle to take advantage of this opportunity. Our State program, "Squires to Knights," led by Chairman Chris Tomasello, FDD, is a great resource to identify who in the Squires Programs are old enough to become Knights. Each month, we receive a list which includes the sponsoring council number of the Squires Circle and the name of the Squire turning 18. It is my understanding that the sponsoring councils also receive the name of the Squire turning 18. These are teenagers, who, I'm sure, are probably well acquainted with the Knights of Columbus, and should be more than willing to join our ranks. I ask that those of you, whose councils have Squires Circle, re-double your efforts to ask these young men to become members of the Knights of Columbus. Feel free to contact Chris **Tomasello** to help you with any questions you might have about getting Squires to become Knights.







"Squires to Knights" Program Chairman Chris Tomasello, FDD catmando20@comcast.net

Vivat Jesus!

John Erwin, FDD State Membership Director



NEW NEWSLETTER FEATURE

Your State Council Newsletter would like to begin publishing the dates of all upcoming degrees for each Diocese. Although this information can be found on our State Website, we feel this subject matter is very important. The more places it is available, the better chance we have of reaching as many people in as many ways possible. Getting prospective members into the order expeditiously as possible is of the utmost importance. Just as we do not like waiting for service in a restaurant, new members should not have to wait to take their Degrees. It may set a negative image of our organization to the prospect. Having the information in both places may help to alleviate this from happening. So continue posting all degrees on our "Web."

In order for information to be published here in ample time for interested councils to act on prior to the degree; two criteria must be met:

- The above information must be sent to enewsletters@njkofc.org no later than the 20th of the Month prior to the month of the degree. [i.e. degrees being held after September 5th it must be received no later than August 20th].
- The date of the degree must be beyond the first five (5) days of the Newsletter Publication Month [i.e. the September Issue Newsletter will contain information on degrees being held after September 5th]. If the degree is being held within the first five (5) days of the month, there is a chance that it may not get out to our subscribers in time.

If the above conditions cannot be met, please be sure to get the information on the State Website, **webmaster@njkofc.org**, as quickly as possible.







IT IS NEVER TOO LATE!

On April 12, 1910, Frank Carey was born and raised in Bordentown, NJ. Recently, Mr. Carey told his daughter that his "one regret in life" is the fact that he "never joined the Knights of Columbus."

Over the years, Mr. Carey moved to Kentucky to live with his daughter. On April 12, 2014, on his 104th birthday, as a surprise, Brother Frank Carey joined the Order. Our thanks go out to Grand Knight, Michael Parker of St. Mark Council #12852 of Richmond Kentucky and the degree team for making this happen!

Brother Carey had **one more request**. It was "to be a Knight in **Bordentown Council #570**." To complete his wishes and honor that request, the transfer was recently affected to Bordentown.





Congratulations Brother Carey! Supreme has confirmed that you are the oldest member joining the K of C. We are thrilled to welcome you to New Jersey KNIGHTHOOD!



"Circulation Survey" Results

At the Grand Knights Meeting in June, the Newsletter Staff conducted a survey regarding the re-forwarding of the Newsletter. We asked whether or not the councils receiving the newsletter were forwarding it to their membership. If they were, how many members were they sending it to.

Out of the 330 State councils, 135 councils responded to the questionnaire. Of the 135 who completed the survey, 51 councils or 41% indicated they were forwarding it. Your Newsletter Staff was flabbergasted when we tallied the results. These 51 councils, out of the 330 [approx. 15%] were sending the Newsletter [electronically and in some cased by snail mail] to 6,666 Brother Knights. That blows our historical data chart "out of the waters."

We have just learned from Bernie Ernst, who handles circulation, that this **August issue is being directly mailed to 11,700 brother knights**. This is a result of back-logged subscriptions that have finally been added to the e-mailling system. When you add in the **6,666** council forwarding numbers, the **results are absolutely overwhelming!**



Since only 51 councils out of 330 have reported participation in this practice, we are reforecasting our 2015 projections to a modest goal of 25,000 out of the approx. total 60,000 membership. We think the E-Newsletter is most definitely communicating and the MESSAGE IS GETTING OUT. We sincerely thank you for the part you play in helping us achieve that!!!



Andrew E. Lipenta
Installed as NJ K of C
State Deputy



Do you, Worthy State Deputy, promise to support and obey the Constitution and Laws of our Order?

"I do."

Do you promise to devote the necessary time to the discharge of your responsibilities as designated by those Laws? *"I do.*"

Do you promise to keep the welfare of our Order uppermost in your mind and to promote it to the best of your ability? *"I do.*"



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Accepting your promises as given in good faith, we your New Jersey Brother Knights now accept that you are truly installed in your office and authorized to conduct the business of our State Council and our Order......

WE EXTEND TO YOU
OUR SINCERE
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!

[NOTE: The oath has been modified and adapted for Editorial purposes.]



Teach Your Children Well By General Agent Charlie Miraglia



Raising Children is probably the hardest job you'll ever have. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. Cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor, and

many more.....and that's often in one morning. The most important role you accept as a parent, though, is teacher. Before your kids ever get to school, you'll teach them so much by what you do and by showing them what is important to you. When they get out into the world, you will have already instilled in them the values they will need to live and flourish in society.

Sometimes the values you impart, (respect, compassion, honesty, accountability, financial responsibility etc.), often run counter to what our instant gratification driven society places value on. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This one simple act shows what you value. By buying life insurance you let them know that you are concerned for



their welfare and that you love them enough to make a sacrifice in your life to do so. By taking responsibility for providing for your family, you show them that making sure they are taken care of is more important than anything you want for yourself.

It will teach them about priorities. Sure, it may not sink in now, especially if the sacrifice of paying the premiums interferes with buying something the kids want, like big screen televisions or game systems or new sneakers or the coolest clothing. In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.



"Don't put off until tomorrow what you can [should] do today." - Benjamin Franklin















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CHARTERED YEAR

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The State Deputy Andrew Lipenta, along with his Officers, Directors, and the Newsletter Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone "Congratulations and best wishes" on their Charter Anniversary. May your council and ALL councils throughout our State continue to grow and do good deeds for many more years to come! Let's continue to "Proclaim and Defend our Faith!"



[NOTE: Due to the large number of anniversaries each month we have limited the publishing list to the names of councils exactly celebrating their 25th, 50th, 75th and 100th (and over) Anniversary during the month.]





If your council was unable to participate in the survey that is mentioned in the article on Page 8, "CIRCULALTION UPDATE," and you would like to be included, please send us the number count of the members in your council who you are forwarding the STATE E-NEWSLETTER to. Be sure to include your Council Name and # and send the report to Walter at:

immrm@ptd.net



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SELECT ARCHIEVED ARTICLES:

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October 2013 ☑ – Consider using Brochures

November 2013 ☑ – Your Role as a K of C Leader

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July 2014 🗹 – The Importance of Planning

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Special Papal Issues: 🗹

- Part 1 ☑ Pope Benedict XVI Resigns
- Part 2 ☑ The Process to Elect a New Pope Begins
- Part 3 ☑ "Habemus Papam" "We
 Have a New Pope!!!"

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Special May 2014 Convention Issue:

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"There is an art of reading, as well as an art of thinking, and an art of writing." – Isaac D'Israeli

Upcoming Events:

* PLEASE NOTE - <u>ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE</u> 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] 12 to obtain more information, details, and forms. Log-in required.

2014

August 1 ~ Program Personnel LINK FORM 365

August 5-7 ~ 132nd Supreme Convention, Orlando, Florida ☑

August 15 ~ Semi-Annual Council Audit LINK

August 20 ~ Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

September 1 ~ Essay Contest LINK

September 1 ~ Poster Contest LINK☑

September 20 ~ Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

September 30 ~ Summer Three for All ends

October 20 ~ Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

October 24-26 ~ State K of C Retreat, West Long Branch LINK

Please forward this Newsletter to all your council members.



"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies; the man who never reads lives only one." – George R. R. Martin





CHECK for "Summary of Forms & Deadlines" 🗹





Quarterly Calendar



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