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Bruce DeMolli
State Deputy



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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

As I travel the state, I am amazed at the continued involvement of our brothers in the various programs. Our contributions to various causes, volunteer hours continue to grow and expand with each new program and activity that councils become involved with. Our membership continues to grow in our state due to the dedication and commitment of our Grand Knights, District Deputies, degree teams and Regional Assistants. Training and communication has been highly effective in attaining our membership and program goals. Our programs continue to expand. The 20/20 program, Organ Donor program, Support our Brothers in Blue, Ultra Sound, to name of few are very successful.

The Founders Day award program will conclude on March 29. Five council winners from each diocese with the highest net gain by council size will receive a plaque and dinner invite to the awards dinner that will be held in June. The District Deputy by Diocese with the highest net gain will also be invited and any DD that begins a new council this year. We encourage all councils to make the extra effort during the month of March to recruit. If you do not have the criteria for the Founders Day Award, please contact the State Membership Director for the information.

The convention in May will be here very shortly. Plans are now being completed for another great convention. **Our State Chaplain Bishop Paul Bootkoski** will be our guest speaker at the State Banquet on Saturday. We encourage all councils to attend. The State convention is planned and held for you. Councils need to be represented to hear what we have accomplished. Please register and attend.

I, with the State Program and Membership teams, wish you continued success for 2017. We thank you for your dedication, commitment and perseverance. Our experienced teams, directors and chairmen are available to help you succeed in your planning and implementation of you programs and recruiting.

God Bless you for what you do for our order.

Vivat Jesus

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FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD

I am happy to report the good news that membership in the McGivney is now more than 160,000 Order wide.

The Roman process of Investigation into Father McGivney's life and Holiness is nearing completion and the investigation into reported miracles is progressing. The Guild plays an important role in making Father McGivney better known and spreading the word about his powerful intercessions.

As of January 1, 2017, the jurisdiction of New Jersey had 7,014 members. This is an increase of 575 members since August 1, 2015. Each day, the Supreme Council receives enrollments by mail and the Supreme Council website. Grand Knights can increase membership by furnishing the names and addresses of Council Members who wish to become members of the Guild to the State Office in West Orange. Those names and addresses will be forwarded to the Supreme Council. Please remember, there is NO FEE TO JOIN, nor are there any dues or other costs to join and each member will receive a bucketing from Supreme quarterly regarding the process being made in the Cause for Sainthood for Father McGivney.

[William J Birtwistle, PSD](#)
State Chairman
Father McGivney Guild

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

While I realize Daylight Savings Time begins March 12 this year, I thought I would give a little info to those of us that didn't know when and why it began.

This Day in History

Daylight saving time instituted: FEB 9, 1942

On this day, Congress pushes ahead standard time for the United States by one hour in each time zone, imposing daylight saving time—called at the time “war time.”

Daylight saving time, suggested by President Roosevelt, was imposed to conserve fuel, and could be traced back to World War I, when Congress imposed one standard time on the United States to enable the country to better utilize resources, following the European model. The 1918 Standard Time Act was meant to be in effect for only seven months of the year—and was discontinued nationally after the war. But individual states continued to turn clocks ahead one hour in spring and back one hour in fall.

The World War II legislation imposed daylight saving time for the entire nation for the entire year. It was repealed Sept. 30, 1945, when individual states once again imposed their own “standard” time. It was not until 1966 that Congress passed legislation setting a standard time that permanently superseded local habits.

**Everyone is Irish
on St. Patty's Day!**

Highlighted Program of the Month

Bishop Dougherty Scholarship Program

The Bishop Dougherty Scholarship Fund provides up to four (4) \$1,000.00 scholarships for children, siblings or grandchildren of our fraternal brothers. The applicant must be entering their freshman year in college. The application can be found in the Grand Knights Manual, section 8.2.3, a High School Transcript and all required copies of documentation.

APPLICANTS MUST OBTAIN A COPY OF THE APPLICATION FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT
The completed Application should be returned to the Grand Knight of the sponsoring Council by **March 1, 2017.**

The Grand Knight will forward the completed Application to the State Chairman to arrive no later than **April 1, 2017**

Pledges to the Bishop Dougherty Fund

Councils are requested to make contributions to the Scholarship Fund at any time of the year. Contributions should be forwarded to the State Chairman with the completed funds transmittal form, page 8.2.1.

It is only with the support of the Councils, such as yours, that the scholarship fund has been able to make these Awards to the outstanding students. We ask your support by making the following donations:

Benefactor	Sponsor	Patron
\$500.00	\$250.00	\$100.00

If you have any questions, contact:

State Chairman:

Anthony B. Bernice, FDD (Dorothy)
232 Passaic Avenue
Hasbrouck Heights. NJ 07642
201- 288-6685



PROGRAM CORNER

Brothers,

We are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel as winter is drawing to a close. The snow has started to melt away, the warm weather is coming in and the days are getting longer. March is a time where we begin to look forward to spring and plan our outdoor activities. March is also a time to prepare ourselves spiritually. We are already in Lent and should be participating in our local Parishes Lenten activities such as Stations of the Cross, Group Rosaries and of course Holy Week observances. These activities should help you prepare yourself spiritually, and as my local Deacon says, "You should come out of Lent a better person than when you entered, or you missed an opportunity to change".

On the Fraternal front we should use these transitional weeks while we are still locked up in the house to get our programs in order, report our successes and get your teams ready for the end of year activities you have planned. Be creative, offer service programs for entertainment and to accomplish good. Get together with others and get involved! Consider incorporating a charitable service program. If you have not already done so, speak with your pastor and see what your council can do to lighten his burden this Lenten season.

Now is also the time we are looking for nominations for the most important and prestigious awards the State Council can bestow: State Chaplain of the Year, State Family of the Year, and State Knight of the Year. Do not take this responsibility lightly. Submit applications to the State Chairmen by **March 31st**. You will be glad you did! Applications can be found in the Grand Knights manual.

My sincerest gratitude to all of the Councils, Districts, and Chairmen who gave of their time and talent to make the Free Throw and Spelling Bee events the best they have *ever* been. Our youth appreciate your effort.

March program considerations should be:

- State Chaplain of the Year—application *due* to State Chairman **03/31**
- State Family of the Year—application *due* to State Chairman **03/31**
- State Knight of the Year—application *due* to State Chairman **03/31**
- Keep "Christ Before Us" First Holy Communion sets – order **minimum of two weeks prior**
- Bishop Dougherty Scholarship Application—*due* **03/01** to Grand Knight; *due* to State Chairman **04/01**
- Fr. John Murray Scholarship Application—*due* **03/01** to Grand Knight; *due* to State Chairman **04/01**
- John Attardo Memorial Scholarship Application—*due* **03/01** to Grand Knight; *due* to Chairman **03/31**
- State Photography Contest—Entries *due* to State Chairman **03/31**
- Letter to Seminarian—Report *due* to State Chairman **03/31**
- Founders Day Weekend Event – **03/25 & 03/26**
- 40 Cans for Lent Program – started with Ash Wednesday

April programs to be considered and acted upon in March *because of their April 1st deadlines...*

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Let us, together, do our best to develop a calendar of programs with the tools supplied by our State Council and Supreme.

Keep the Faith,

[Jim Sweeney, FDD](#)

NJ State Program Director

General Agents Corner

“First, you have to insure against what can go wrong, to gain the luxury to invest in what can go right”.

This is a quotation from Joe Jordan, a noted inspirational speaker and long-time insurance industry veteran. “First, you have to insure against what can go wrong, to gain the luxury to invest in what can go right”. That explains the vision of Fr. McGivney for our Order as well as being a concise road map for financial security.

First, make sure your family is protected against the bad things that can happen in life and then invest so that if you have a long life you will not outlive your money. Too often the greed filter says let’s invest for retirement first and not take out insurance, or just spend and have fun and not worry about the future, or just take what we are given at work and not worry about the bad things in life. That is like an ostrich sticking its head in the sand as a way to escape a predator.

While we pray that none of our brothers or any member of their families passes away before living a long and happy life, the reality is that cancer, accidents, heart attacks and other issues take so many of them “before their time”. So, we should heed the warning of Joe Jordan and Fr. McGivney and make sure that our insurance protection is in place first.

That includes insuring against the second worst thing that can happen. An illness or accident that keeps an employed person from being able to go to work and earn a living. When someone dies most families’ expenses go down a little bit, but when someone is sick or hurt and can’t work, most families expenses actually go up and have to be covered without the income from that sick or hurt person.



So let’s all try to live up to the vision and mission of our Founder, the venerable servant of God, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, who told us that we should make sure that no Catholic family suffer financial devastation from the loss, (or disability), of a loved one.

As men, as husbands, as fathers, it is our job to provide for our family, and that providing includes making sure we have protected our families from what can go wrong. Then and only then can we have the luxury to invest for what can go right.

That’s really what a good father does, that’s what a good husband does, and that’s what a good man does. So this year during lent, do something better for your family, (and lay off the fried food or cookies.....you still need to sacrifice

as part of your penance).

That’s who we are and what we do.

[Charles Miraglia,](#)

General Agent

Insurance Agent



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Brothers,

In our February issue we reviewed the Supreme Incentives for Council, Recruiter, Field Agent and District. This goes along with Supremes \$4.50 per active member towards your Supreme per capita provided you obtain STAR Council. The State Incentive Program, as well, is in effect.



I hope every Council has talked to their Pastors to set up a Membership Drive for this month. If you have not there is still time to talk to your Pastor. Have you ordered the materials needed for your drive? Have you secured your membership to man all the doors of the church? Have you set up a date for your open house? And most importantly set up a first degree to bring in those new members.

What if the church is unavailable for you to hold your church drive? There are alternatives. Have your membership put out an invitation to join on Facebook. Advertise in your Council newsletter. Hand out information at your next Council affair. Advertise in your church bulletin. If there's any ideas you have, let us all know. It's

time to THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.

If you are getting close to being a STAR Council, have you been actively discussing this with your insurance agent? By you supporting the Insurance Program at meetings and Council affairs, you will aid the insurance agent to help the widows and children of our fellow brothers and fulfilling the dream of Father McGivney.

As always the Membership Team and I offer you our support in whichever way we can help. Just give us a call and we'll see what we can do to help.

Your fiend in Christ,

[Mike Vaclavicek, FDD](#)

State Membership Chairman

"Protecting God's Kingdom"



CULTURE OF LIFE

Brothers:

March is here, and the convention is less than three months away! We are also in the last third of the Columbian Year, so if you have not met your Culture of Life goals for this year, you need to redouble your efforts to meet or exceed them by June 30. Also, you need to be reporting to the State Council what you are doing in this area. Please be sure to fill out the reporting forms now, and many program deadlines are the end of the month, and a couple are mid-April. Just click on the links below to be taken to the online form (or see the page for the Grand Knight's Manual):

- o [Diapers for Babies](#) (p. 10-10)
- o [Homes for Mothers](#) (p. 10-12)
- o [Share in Life](#) (p. 10-17)
- o [Save a Life](#) (p. 10-19)
- o [Adoption as an Option](#) (p. 10-21)
- o [Baby Bottle Boomerang](#) (p.10-28)



Pro-Life Warriors & Catholic Citizens. Do you have an outstanding Pro-Life Warrior in your council? Then give him the recognition he deserves by nominating him for his ACE Wings! Fill out the form at this [LINK](#). How about a steadfast Catholic Citizen? Someone who speaks out in print media or online, and urges his lawmakers to do the right thing? Then nominate him for Catholic Citizen of the Year with the print form available at this [LINK](#). The deadline for both nominations is April 15.

20/20 Project. We need to strive more towards scheduling Masses for this project. We are still quite a ways away from getting the 2,400 Masses for 2017. It isn't that hard to do! St. Cecelia's Council just pushed through it recently and scheduled 24 Masses (2 per month for January through December). If only 50 of our councils did the same, we could get the Project more than halfway towards its goal. The reporting form for the Masses can be found at this [LINK](#).

Diaper Drive. I hope your council has held at least one Diaper Drop this Columbian Year and is planning another. When you do so, find out the specific diaper sizes your pregnancy care center needs; you will make an even bigger impact. In addition, as with the last three years, we will be holding a Diaper Drop at the State Convention. Be sure to pick up a box of diapers or wipes on the way to Wildwood and bring them to the convention center!

Baby Bottle Drives. Supporting the cause for life takes money, and a baby bottle drive is an excellent way to get it. Nativity Council recently raised \$10,656.92, while Msgr. Loreti Council raised over \$3,000. Imagine all that they will be able to do with that money! You can do the same!

Vivat Jesus!

[Steven J. Richardson, FM](#)

Culture of Life Programs Director

PATRIOTIC CORNER

My Brother Knights and Sir Knights:

As winter turns into spring – the snow is melting and pitchers and catchers have reported to Spring Training; we look forward to the final four months of the Columbian Year. Attaining Star



Assembly is possible as membership goals can be reached at our Spring Exemplifications. Please reach out to your affiliated councils and schedule a visit to talk about the membership opportunities in the 4th Degree. Many times when I attend a 3rd Degree and talk about the 4th Degree, our Brother Knights comment that no one ever talks about the 4th Degree at the council meetings. Please ensure that each council has a 4th Degree representative who will speak about the Patriotic Degree of our Order on a regular basis to promote membership and patriotic programs.

March also starts parade season – St. Patrick's Day quickly moves to Memorial Day and Fourth of July – please ensure that you have sufficient manpower to cover the parades and, if you do not, reach out to other Assemblies in your area to recruit Color Corpsmen from other Assemblies so that the Knights of Columbus are properly represented.

This is also the time of year when nominating committees are formed and a slate of officers is presented to the Assembly for the 2017-2018 Columbian Year. Please consider serving as an officer and promoting and advancing the good works of the Fourth Degree.

Finally, as we enter into the Holy Season of Lent, please consider what we can do for others. It is not always about giving something up – sometimes it is about giving of yourself to others. That is a principle of our order and we should strive to live it in a deeper fashion during Lent.



VIVAT JESUS!

[Russell D. Petrocelli](#)

Master, 1st NJ District



THE BULLETIN BOARD

SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

DEGREE: DATE: LOCATION: COUNCIL #

CAMDEN:

[3rd – Mar 7](#) Erma Council 3546
[1st – Mar 16](#) Blackwood Council 9193
[3rd – Mar 24](#) Merchantville Council 6735
[1st – Mar 27](#) Waterford Council 7463
[2nd – Mar 30](#) Blackwood Council 9193

METUCHEN:

[1st – Apr 18](#) Milltown Council 7250
[2nd – Apr 18](#) Milltown Council 7250

NEWARK:

[2nd – Mar 8](#) Ridgewood Council 1736
[1st – Mar 14](#) Rahway Council 6226
[3rd – Mar 24](#) Dumont Council 1345
[1st – Mar 26](#) Ridgefield Council 3550
[2nd – Mar 28](#) Secaucus Council 12769
[2nd – Apr 4](#) Rochelle Park Council 2842
[1st – Apr 23](#) Ridgefield Council 3550

PATERSON:

[1st ~ Mar 1](#) Morristown Council 359
[4th – Apr 23](#) Parsippany - Sheraton Tara Hotel

TRENTON:

[1st – Mar 3](#) Keyport Council 3402
[2nd – Mar 3](#) Keyport Council 3402
[1st – Mar 6](#) Bayville Council 8603
[2nd – Mar 6](#) Bayville Council 8603
[1st – Mar 8](#) Princeton Council 636
[2nd – Mar 14](#) Moorestown Council 1082
[3rd – Mar 24](#) Keyport Council 3402
[1st – Mar 28](#) Little Egg Harbor Council 14615
[4th – April 1](#) Toms River – St Maximilian Kolbe

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

*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>CHARTERED</u>	<u>YRS</u>
5510 – Oak Ridge	March 1, 1964	53
3500 – Egg Harbor City	March 7, 1952	65
5943 – Pequannock	March 12, 1967	50
857 – Woodbridge	March 13, 1904	113
1863 – Fort Lee	March 18, 1917	100
3801 - Pompton Lakes	March 21, 1954	63
5519 – West Orange	March 22, 1964	53
3272 – Metuchen	March 26, 1950	67
1378 – Union City	March 28, 1909	108
5809 – Port Reading	March 28, 1966	51
5257 – Waldwick	March 29, 1962	55
3814 – New Milford	March 30, 1954	63

State Deputy Bruce DeMolli 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 "**Protecting God's Kingdom!**"

Happy Anniversary

[NOTE: Due to the large number of anniversaries each month, we have limited the publishing list to the names of councils celebrating Anniversaries of **25, 50 or more years** during the current month.]

FROM OUR WEBMASTER

Break Out Of The Box

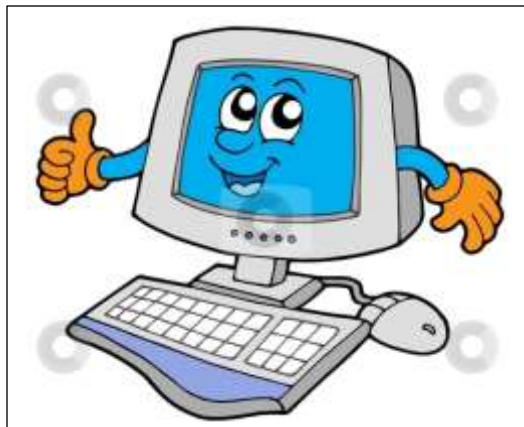
Communication with potential members, your current members and continuous membership growth should be the goal of all Councils. Council newsletters and websites have proven to be the most effective means of communication with members and prospective members. A good website serves the purpose of attracting men of the exact demographics that council's seek. Sophisticated web surfers will bypass websites that are boring or tedious to view. The New Jersey State Council encourages councils to maintain attractive, informative and up-to-date websites.

The State Council conducts a website contest, open to all councils in New Jersey. A winner will be selected from each of the five Dioceses of New Jersey. The criteria for judging will be as follows:


- **ACCESSIBILITY**: A council's website should have an easy-to-remember URL.
 - **APPEARANCE**: A visitor to a council's website will be more inclined to stay and search the site if it is pleasing to the eye.
 - **NAVIGATION**: A good council website should have easy-to-use, easy-to-understand "buttons" to take a visitor to various areas of the site.
 - **GRAPHICS**: A website's graphics should be of a high quality and thumbnails should open easily and to a size that is viewable within the screen.
 - **OFFICERS**: Council officers' roster should be listed, preferably with current photos.
 - **ABOUT US**: There should be a section describing the Knights of Columbus, origin of the council, and current activities and projects.
 - **COMMUNICATIONS**: Current (and previous) newsletters / council bulletins should be posted on-line.
 - **RECRUITMENT**: There should be a visible means for a prospective candidate to contact the council for further information and potential membership.
 - **LINKS**: It is recommended that council websites have **working links** to other websites containing pertinent Knights of Columbus issues
 - **GALLERIES**: Councils should always promote their activities and programs via photographs. Good galleries should contain photos promoting the hard work of a council as well as fraternal activities.
- 10 points are scored for each of the above categories, for a total of 100 points.
 - Remember the four principles of the Knights of Columbus are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism
 - All entries must be received no later than March 31, 2017 utilizing the [on-line form](#) at www.njkofo.org
- Judging will take place April 1-5, 2017.

[Bernard J. Ernst, FDD](#)

New Jersey State Council
Webmaster



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.

2017

- March 1 ~ **Ash Wednesday**
- March 4 ~ **Master's Meeting ~ 2nd NJ District**
- March 4 ~ **Metuchen Regional Spelling Bee**
- March 5 ~ **Testimonial Dinner for SD Bruce DeMolli**
- March 6 ~ **Master's Meeting ~ 1st NJ District**
- March 12 ~ **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- March 12 ~ **Trenton Regional Free Throw**
- March 17 ~ **St Patrick's Day**
- March 19 ~ **Paterson Regional Free Throw**
- March 19 ~ **Camden Regional Free Throw**
- March 19 ~ **Trenton Regional Spelling Bee**
- March 25 ~ **Newark Regional Free Throw**
- March 25 ~ **Metuchen Regional Free Throw**
- April 1 ~ **Exemplification ~ 2nd NJ District**
- April 2 ~ **Free Throw - State Finals**
- April 2 ~ **Spelling Bee – State Finals**
- April 3 ~ **Master's Meeting ~ 1st NJ District**
- April 9 ~ **Palm Sunday**
- April 13 ~ **Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)**
- April 14 ~ **Good Friday**
- April 15 ~ **Holy Saturday**
- April 16 ~ **Easter Sunday**
- April 20 ~ **Trenton Diocese Pride in Priests Dinner**
- April 23 ~ **Exemplification ~ 1st NJ District**
- April 27 ~ **Camden Diocese Pride in Priests Dinner**
- May 2 ~ **Newark Pride in our Priests Dinner**
- May 4 ~ **Metuchen Pride in our Priests Dinner**
- May 14 ~ **Mother's Day**
- May 19/20 ~ **State Convention**

Quarterly Calendar



MARCH 2017						
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