



The Crusader



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State Deputy's Message



Robert Hatler
State Deputy



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Brother Knights,

Well it's time for another Crusader and as I've said "DON'T BLINK" because here comes March and hopefully some nice weather with it! It's said "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." As for us at the State Council we know that the month of March and the succeeding months are the busiest months of the year. It's a time where we get to see and read about all the great things your council has done in the many program areas throughout the past months.

Your councils should be working hard on determining local winners of so many council programs with the hope that maybe one might gain some State Council recognition at this year's State convention. This busy time is something you can assist with as a helper or adviser at some of your local council programs. Things like council and district youth free throw competitions, spelling bees, Lenten and Easter services in your parish or Council, the annual Drive for the Intellectually Disabled, helping at local Diocesan Men's conferences, council poster contest judging, honoring our First responders in our communities, saying thank you to your Council Chaplain who needs our support today more than ever, parish CCD and Parochial School teachers of the year, helping with Veterans assistance programs at hospitals and nursing homes and the list goes on and on! Your involvement can be a double benefit by helping others with some of your free time and feeling good about the things that we do! There is so much more your council can do with just a few hours of your time. We all are busy but as Catholic men we need to show ourselves as followers of Jesus Christ and extend ourselves towards helping others. Here's an idea – do something for Lent which starts in just ten days. Find some time and help, somewhere, somehow and get your family involved too. We have to show others the value we as a CATHOLIC organization offer in our parish, community and council. It's our duty, it's what's expected, to help those less fortunate. Ask your GK if you can assist with the many programs going on and I can assure he won't turn you away!

At the State Council we continue to move in a positive manner with new members coming into the order. We are benefiting greatly from the new on-line membership program. We are one of the leading states in the order right now, bringing in over 170 men into New Jersey in just one year. Our hope is more men will join using this process. These men have come to us and joined our order! We must welcome them and contact them to transfer into a local council so they can learn about the great things we do! It's not the way we've done membership in the past but it is the future!

As I look ahead, one thing that's in the forefront of my mind is the State Convention in May. We are preparing for it and I encourage you to attend. It's set for the weekend of May 17-18, 2019 in Wildwood. This is where we see the great work done and witness the achievements of all the local Councils from around the State. So many councils receive awards for doing great things for their Church, Community and their councils. It is a heartwarming experience. Information has been sent to your Grand Knight and more will follow in the next few weeks about the convention.

For now I wish all of you and your families a blessed Lenten season of grace and prayerful anticipation for the mystery of the Holy Triduum and the beautiful celebration that is Easter Sunday! I hope Lent puts you in a position of peace and holiness in anticipation of this great gift – the resurrection of the Lord!

On behalf of Maryann and I may you have a truly blessed Lent and a joyous Easter.

Vivat Jesus! [Bob Hatler, State Deputy](#)

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

<u>DEGREE/DATE</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>CAMDEN:</u>		
1 st – March 19	Council 1994	Woodbury
1 st – March 20	Council 1910	Cedarville
<u>METUCHEN:</u>		
1 st – March 12	Council 2393	Basking Ridge
3 rd – March 24	Council 146548	Monroe Twp
<u>NEWARK:</u>		
2 nd – March 7	Council 3428	North Arlington
1 st – March 12	Council 2188	Westwood
2 nd – March 20	Council 3240	Roselle Park
3 rd – March 22	Council 1345	Dumont
1 st – March 24	Council 3550	Ridgefield
<u>PATERSON:</u>		
1 st – March 11	Council 359	Morristown
1 st – March 19	Council 240	Woodland Pk
1 st /2 nd Mar 20	Council 588	Sparta
1 st – March 20	Council 11671	Clifton
1 st – March 27	Council 6139	Hewitt
<u>TRENTON:</u>		
3 rd – March 1	Council 3187	Fair Haven
1 st – March 26	Council 14615	Little Egg Harbor
1 st /2 nd – Mar 26	Council 1672	Freehold

Degree Notes:

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

Dear Brother Knights:

During the month of January, three regional Mid Term Grand Knight meetings were held, and, during the Membership portion of that meeting, I indicated that I would give you a one-year update as it relates to On Line Membership. I am pleased to provide that status report.

On Line Membership went live in New Jersey on February 5, 2018. Going live in New Jersey was the second wave of piloting this program in the Order and I can recall that it was met with skepticism at the January, 2018 Mid Term Grand Knight meetings. There were concerns related to the vetting of these new members, their status at a council meeting, the administration of the Admission Degree, etc... During this past year, the program has truly been an organic process with some changes made throughout the year but, I am pleased to report, that On Line Membership has been, and continues to be very successful.

At the one year mark, 229 men have joined the Order through the On Line Membership process and, when filling out the application, 137, or 60%, indicated either a specific council that they were interested in joining or the parish at which they are a member. In a year where membership is in a slump, this has been a bright light in the membership realm.

As I stated, the process has been organic, and changes have taken place and continue to evolve as we solidify this process. For example, the question came up how we handle a priest who joins the order via the on line process. Supreme has offered on line membership to all seminarians at no cost by entering the code SEM18. By the time you receive this newsletter, the State Deputy will share with the District Deputies new talking points that will be shared with the Grand Knights and the council Membership Chairman for addressing new on line members. The State Membership Team will also be working with the local councils to develop Landing Pages that were discussed at the Mid Term meetings. As we prepare for the Spring Membership Drives, please use all these tools to assist you in bringing new men into our Order.

You have heard me say it before and, I say it again – Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes! The success in turning these on line members into degree members of local councils has been a joint effort of the Membership Team and the Fraternal Benefits Team, headed up by our General Agents.


These are exciting times and the State Membership Team will be with you every step of the way to assist you. If you need our help, please feel free to contact us.

VIVAT JESUS!

[Russell D. Petrocelli, 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 underlined activity [\[hyperlink\]](#)  to obtain more information, details and forms. Log-in may be required

2019

- Mar 6 ~ Ash Wednesday
- Mar 10 ~ Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 10 ~ Newark Archdiocesan Spelling Bee
- Mar 16 ~ Catholic Men's Conference – Seton Hall
- Mar 16 ~ Trenton Diocese Spelling Bee
- Mar 17 ~ St Patrick's Day
- Mar 23 ~ Regional Free Throw - Trenton Diocese
- Mar 24 ~ Spelling Bee State Finals
- Mar 28 ~ Supreme Webinar - *Finding New Members*
- Mar 31 ~ State Deputy Appreciation Dinner
- Mar 31 ~ Multiple State Report Forms Due
- April 4 – Camden Pride in our Priests Dinner
- April 7 - Free Throw State Finals
- April 11 – Trenton Diocese Pride in our Priests Dinner
- April 14 - Palm Sunday
- April 15 – Tax Day
- April 18 – Holy Thursday
- April 19 – Good Friday
- April 20 – Holy Saturday & Passover
- April 21 – Easter Sunday
- April 23 – Supreme Webinar – Charity Story
- April 28 - Exemplification of the 4th Degree – 1st NJ District
- May 1 ~ Metuchen Diocese Pride in our Priests Dinner
- May 12 ~ Mother's Day
- May 14 ~ Newark ArchDiocese Pride in our Priests Dinner
- May 17 ~ State Convention
- May 18 ~ State Convention
- May 18 ~ Armed Forces Day
- May 21 ~ Supreme Convention Planning Meeting
- May 22 ~ Newark Archdiocese Pride in Priests Dinner
- May 27 ~ Memorial Day
- May 29 ~ Supreme Webinar – Council Officer Key
- May 30 ~ Ascension Thursday

Quarterly Calendar



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Highlighted Programs of the Month

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

The Knights of Columbus, locally, statewide and nationally, are committed to openly supporting law enforcement, our brothers and sisters in blue. The purpose of this program is to actively demonstrate our commitment to these fine people.

Through the Shoulder to Shoulder Program, we hope to raise awareness of the job they perform each day, often without fanfare. We also hope to raise funds through the sale of magnetic bumper stickers, banners and rubber bracelets. The funds raised through this program will be donated to families of officers slain in the line of duty statewide. We also plan to use some of the proceeds to establish and promote public service announcements promoting and supporting law enforcement.

The public relations aspect of this program is of primary importance. We are committed to our mission and determined to utilize the media to its fullest extent to carry our message forward. The program would also be the vehicle to promote those positive stories of community service that highlight the good works that most police officers perform every day, but usually never make it to the news outlets. The program committee is seeking the services of Brother Knights who have experience in media and its related fields to brainstorm and develop ways to implement this objective. Those who have contacts in the media and are willing to share them are encouraged to contact us.

The State Chairman of the program is a retired Brick Township Police Officer, Anthony Barlowski, FDD. Tony was asked to become chairman of the program because as a retired police officer, it was felt he would have a better vision of how and where this program would better serve the law enforcement community.

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER is a work in progress. As it continues to expand through the distribution of magnets, the intention is to support all members of law enforcement; especially those killed in action and their families in as many ways as our collective imaginations allow. A Resolution of Condolences is being designed that will respectfully convey our support and sympathy to the survivors of our fallen heroes. The Program intends to reach out to all of the victims of this war on law enforcement to let them know we are there for them. Hopefully, through the continued support and generosity of our brother Knights and the public, we will be positioned to provide moral and financial support to the survivors of those New Jersey officers who are killed in action.

YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAM

Recognizing that children are a precious gift, the Knights of Columbus has no higher priority than the safety and well-being of the young people served through its programs and activities.

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is designed to protect young people served through Knights of Columbus programs and activities, including the Columbian Squires Program, from all forms of abuse. The program helps assure families, dioceses and communities that the Knights of Columbus has done everything within its power to safeguard the young people served through its programs and activities.

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is administered by the Fraternal Services Department of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with Praesidium, an organization that has worked to provide knowledge and tools that safeguard against sexual predators for more than 20 years, and is

an international leader in youth protection. Through this partnership, the Order provides youth leaders with access to the most current resources to keep children safe, including Praesidium's Armatus® online training, background screenings, and

an exclusive hotline to report child safety concerns (1-844-KOFC-SAFE (844-563-2723)). All materials are available in English, Spanish and French to make the content accessible to all members who will be asked to fulfill organizational requirements. Please note that the Praesidium Armatus online platform is an English site, but each training course is available in both French and Spanish.

Knights of Columbus Office of Youth Protection Program requirements are independent of all of the safe environment/youth protection requirements established by local dioceses and parishes.

For Further information regarding this program, contact:

[Raymond Sands](#),
[NJKofC State Advocate](#),
 1521 Shore Rd, Unit 102
 Ocean View, NJ 08230

In order to receive a Star Council Award, the Grand Knight and Community Director must complete this Program



PROGRAM CORNER

Brother Knights,

With less than 3 months until the Annual Awards Ceremony in May, we need your help in sending in your State Program Reports! (see [Program List](#) and "[State Council Reporting Forms](#)") Also, EVERY functioning council should qualify for the [Columbian Award \(new Form SP-7\)](#), so make sure your council is compliant with the mandatory [SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING](#) and continue with your [faith-filled service programs](#) and charitable outreach. Click [here for the Faith in Action Guidebook](#) and [here for more info on the specific requirements](#) of every functioning council.

This month, every council should submit **Chaplain-of-the-Year**, **Knight-of-the-Year** and **Family-of-the-Year** nominations and report results for the **Seminarian Letters**, **Food for the Hungry**, and **Eyes for the Needy** programs. ([file online](#) by 3/31) Consider entering the **State Photography Contest** (to [State Chairman John McDonnell](#) by 3/31), **Council Newsletter Contest** (to [State Chairman Ron Kist](#) by 3/31), and **Council Website Contest** (to [State Chairman Bernie Ernst](#), FDD by 3/31). Nominate your successful council programs for the prestigious State Council Service Program Awards (use [new Form STSP](#)) and e-mail by 3/31 by category to: Faith: [State Director Chris Ege, FDD](#), Family: [State Director Ron Hall, FDD](#), Community: [State Director Paul Pinkman, FM](#), and Life: [State Director Steve Richardson, FM](#).

You may also want to order "**Keep Christ Before Us**" Easter and Holy Communion Coloring Books from [State Chairman John Gazis, FDD](#) and have all members join (for free) the [McGivney Guild](#)! Details for each of the above programs AND MANY MORE are in the [Grand Knight Handbook](#)!

At this time, I would like to thank State Chairman Kevin Delmonico, PGK and all the teams for the extremely successful Bowling Tournament held last month! Winners will be honored at the Convention!

In closing, please remember to publicize your program accomplishments for all to see and to submit reports not just for the awards, but to recognize the thousands of hours of hard work and meaningful contributions of our dedicated and valued members. By working together in unity and fraternity with our Brother Knights and families, our faith-filled programs and charitable outreach bring spiritual growth to each of us, comforting hope to those in need, and immense joy and fulfillment in giving to others. This is especially important in this upcoming Lenten Season as we prepare ourselves for Easter through good deeds, reflection, prayer, and contemplation. May your faith be strong as you keep up the great work and may God bless you for all you do for our Order and for our Catholic Church.

Fraternally,

[Marty Boyle, FDD](#),

NJ State General Program Director

PATRIOTIC CORNER

My Brother Knights and Sir Knights,

As we await the arrival of Spring, we are also heading into the parade season – St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Please ensure that you have sufficient manpower to cover the parades and if you need help, reach out to other Assemblies in your area so that the Knights of Columbus are properly represented. Also ask your councils to join in to represent the Knights at the parade.

Ash Wednesday starts the Season of Lent, please do something nice for someone. A wise man said "You don't have to give up something as long as you do something good for someone else".

Now is the time to have your councils arrange to have 3rd degree members join our patriotic degree, which is dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of Brother Knights. The First New Jersey District will hold our



Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel, 199 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ, starting with Mass at 9:30AM, followed by the degree at 1PM and dinner at 4:30PM.

For more information go to www.Firstnjdistrict.org. This year's spring degree honoree will be our Former Master Russell Petrocelli. Come out and show support to Russell for his 4 years as our Master of the NJ First District of the Fourth Degree. He is a Great Brother Sir Knight.

March is a very busy month. Important dates are as follows:

March 4th – Master's Meeting in Bayonne

March 16th – Men's Conference at Seton Hall – 2pm Muster

March 22nd – 3rd degree Dumont

March 27th – 3rd degree Bayonne

April 28 – Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree

Don't forget to put in your Sir Knight of the Year candidate by April 1st, 2019.

It was an honor to be invited to the Second NJ District Exemplification by worthy Master Chris Tomasello, which was held on February 17th. The honoree was Bishop Dennis Sullivan – Bishop of Camden. Thank you Chris.

Also, Thanks to all who donated to our Wheelchair program.

On behalf of our Vice Supreme Master, Andy Lipenta and Master Chris Tomasello of the 2nd district, we wish you and your families a Prayful Lenten Season and Holy Week. May you have a Joyful and Blessed Easter.

[Paul Pinkman](#)

Master, 1st NJ District



SPECIAL PROGRAMS CORNER

Brother Knights,

As the Lenten Season begins, let us prepare ourselves for Easter through reflection, prayer, and contemplation. Let us all also realize how fortunate we are to have God's Blessings in so many areas of our lives, and that we can help others who are suffering and need our help and prayers more than ever. If you haven't done so already, please give a donation, either individually or as a council, to the many worthwhile NJ State Council Special Programs. Most Knights know first-hand someone who is affected by at least one of these programs, whether it's Alzheimer's, Autism, Heart or Lung problems, Intellectual Disabilities, and more. Although some donations have been slowly coming in, the NJ State Council Special Programs Team prays that every Brother Knight and every Council, Assembly, Federation, and Chapter will please step-up your efforts and make a financial contribution to each of the Special Programs supporting: 1) **Deborah Hospital**, 2) **Alzheimer's Respite Care**, 3) **Autism Family Support**, 4) **Intellectual Disabilities**, and 5) **Support for Persecuted Christians**. We desperately need YOUR help to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate! Here's a link to a .pdf summary page ([>>> CLICK HERE NOW <<<](#)) outlining how to make out your checks, where to send checks, and what reports the Grand Knight should file for reporting these donations by the deadlines required (usually 3/31). For reports, LOGIN at www.njkofo.org and select "State Reporting Forms". If you have difficulty, just send an e-mail by the deadline to the State Chairman with the donation/activity details in lieu of the formal report.

Congratulations to the [NJ KofC Polar Penguins](#) who had a great Polar Plunge Day last month raising funds for Special Olympics. Thanks to Team Captain John Gazis, FDD, and each of the Team members, especially top-funding leaders Gary Seals, Dave Coppola, Ray Lill, Greg Risco, John Gazis, Steve Koreivo, Alex Freda, Peter Reuter, Mike Risco, and Silvano Amora, and all who supported the entire Team financially. Our team started with 3 members in 2009 and has grown to 65 members raising \$70,226 this year, bringing our 10-year total to \$294,080! The Knights of Columbus are proud to partner with Special Olympics New Jersey in their endeavor to assist the athletes that train all year and will compete in the Special Olympics in June.

Thanks, Brothers, for making your donations to the above [Special Programs](#), and please continue to support the [Marian Devotion Program](#) by praying for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk of persecution around the world. "[Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians, pray for us.](#)"

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

CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

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, you need to redouble your efforts. Be sure to do the mandatory programs in each Faith in Action category, [including Novena for Life](#).

Also, you need to be reporting to the State Council on what you are doing. Please be sure to fill out the reporting forms now, as most of the 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:

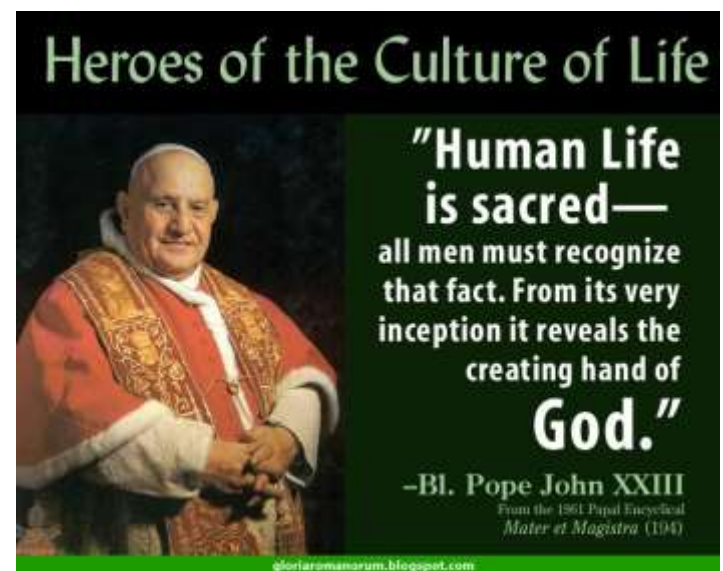
- o [Diapers for Babies](#)
- o [Homes for Mothers](#)
- o [Share in Life](#)
- o [Save a Life](#)
- o [Adoption as an Option](#)
- o [Baby Bottle Boomerang](#)
- o [ACE Wings Nominations](#)
- o [Catholic Citizen of the Year](#)

Diaper Drive. I hope your Council, Assembly and Chapter have held at least one Diaper Drop this Columbian Year and planning for more. When you do so, find out the specific diaper sizes your pregnancy care center needs; you will make an even bigger impact. Even better, buy the diapers from Amazon using this [LINK](#) (so NJ Right to Life can get a portion of the price) and have them shipped directly to the care center!

In addition, as with the last four 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!

[Steven J. Richardson, FM](#)

Culture of Life Programs



INSURANCE MATTERS

What if???

When I sat down to write this article at the end of February we had just had a snow and ice storm in Bergen County, (some of you guys in the south had snow and rain). Back in October I had purchased three or four bags of ice melt, because I had asked myself, "What if we get snow and ice? How do I make sure that no one falls on my walkway or driveway?"

Have you ever asked yourself, "What if _____?" If you were a Boy Scout you did because they are always prepared. I have to go out now and buy some more ice melt, because I used all four bags this winter and the long range forecast for Bergen County has two more snowstorms in the next two weeks and probably freezing rain, causing ice.

We ask ourselves what if, when it comes to preparing for a storm. "What if the storm comes? Do I have bread and milk? Do I have batteries? Just like I am asking about ice melt pellets.

Fr. McGivney wanted every family associated with the Knights of Columbus to be protected from the worst what ifs that could happen. We were founded as a fraternal benefit society so that the Order could provide for family in the worst happens.

Ask yourself, "What if my next paycheck is my last paycheck?" Ask yourself, "What if I'm in a car accident?" Ask yourself, "What if I'm not here to take care of my family?" Ask yourself, "What happens to them if I'm not here? What happens to me and them if my wife isn't here?"

Ask yourself, "Am I prepared, for the What Ifs in life?"

Your Knights of Columbus Field Insurance Agent, is here to help you answer those questions and many more. Life happens fast, be prepared for what life throws at you. Life also changes, and you might have been prepared 5 or 10 years ago, but changes to social security, changes to state laws, changes to your financial situation, may leave holes in your old plan. Your Agent can help you fill those holes and make sure your family is protected, your retirement is protected, and your future is protected.

That's who we are and what we do. Protecting Catholic Families since 1882.

[Charles Miraglia](#)
General Agent



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.

Deadline is March 31, 2019. The criteria for judging will be as follows:

- ACCESSIBILITY
- APPEARANCE
- NAVIGATION
- GRAPHICS
- OFFICERS
- ABOUT US
- ACOMMUNICATIONS
- RECRUITMENT
- LINKS
- GALLERIES

- 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,

2019 utilizing the [on-line form](#) at www.njkoqc.org

Vivat Jesus!!!

[Bernie Ernst, FDD](#)

NJ State Council Webmaster



SQUIRES CORNER

Brothers,

We are just flying through the year and we are executing our State wide Retreat / Service project on April 27 at St Johns food pantry in Newark and St Patrick's Pro-Cathedral.

Our Circle in **Sparta** just added 2 New **Squires** to their ranks. They have just completed a project to raise funds for one of their Squires whose house burnt down at the present time they have raised \$2,500. Sparta Squires will be marching in the St Patrick's Day Parade in Newton. During March they will assist their council in running an Antioch Breakfast. In May they are planning a paintball trip and have invited other circles to join them. If you are interested contact Nick Cutrone at (973) 786-6844 or email @ cutronekofc@gmail.com

Our Circle in **Budd Lake** is planning an Easter Egg Hunt for the Children of the Parish on Sunday April 14th (Palm Sunday). We are planning a trip to Blue Mountain this month, for snow tubing and invited other circles to participate. Also in April the Squire Circle sponsors a section of road within the town and they will clean up the road. Lastly the Squires are planning with their council to build a shed on the Church's property to store all the Knights & Squires equipment. For additional info contact Tom Rohe at (973)479-5067 or email @ trohekofc@gmail.com

Our Circle in **Wildwood** is planning a fun day of Bowling. Their monthly project for March is to collect food and then put together baskets of food to be distributed to the residents at Lazarus House in Wildwood. Their next planning meeting is March 11 @6:30 pm. For more info contact Tom Connley at (609) 884-5490 or Email @ tomc522@comcast.net

Our St Kateri **Squires Roses** Circle raised donations and are using some of the donation to Support a **Vial of Life Program**. The Roses are planning a bake sale in March at the parish. For additional info contact Nancy Scanlan at (973) 770-0987 or email @ nancyjscanlan@hotmail.com

To all Councils & Assemblies can you see it in your hearts to make a donation to the scholarship programs? 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 cost is high so every little bit helps. I am asking you to contribute to these scholarships, as a Council or Assembly, remember the lesson on Charity from you First Degree and *Unity* from the Second Degree.

[Peter D Briody, PGK](#)

Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Program Director



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Brothers,

March is here and that means winter is just about ready to say goodbye. But, there is still the potential for a few more weeks of cold and snow. But we know the days will be getting warmer, as the summer gets closer.

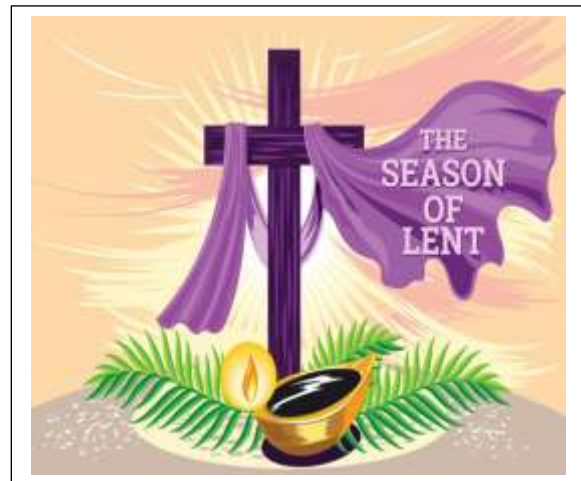
March is also a time to take stock of your spiritual well being. We are at the beginning of Lent and should be preparing to take part in our local Parishes Lenten activities such as Stations of the Cross, Rosaries and Holy Week observances. As State Treasurer Jim Stoever says, 'You should come out of Lent a better person than when you were when Lent started.'

In 10 short weeks, we will gather in Wildwood for our annual State Convention and the Convention Committee is working to make this Convention the best one yet. Friday's Awards Day should be interesting to see which Councils were awarded Plaques for the various Programs they run. But, if you don't send in the forms with the information, how is the State Chairman supposed to know what programs your Council has excelled at and deserves recognition for? All it takes is a simple form sent to the State and a member of your Council could end up as Knight of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Family of the Year, CCD Teacher of the year.

Finally, consider helping out your neighbor. With the improving weather, everyone starts to wander, men to the Final Four, and spring training ending and women tend to think about those home improvements on the "honey-do" list that we never got around to this past winter. Well, we may have forgotten about the list, but they didn't. It might be a nice gesture to ask your neighbor if they would like some little things done at their houses

[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>YRS</u>
<u>5510</u>	<u>Joseph F Lamb</u>	<u>Oak Ridge</u>	<u>3/1/1964</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>3500</u>	<u>St Nicholas</u>	<u>Egg Harbor City</u>	<u>3/7/1952</u>	<u>67</u>
<u>6033</u>	<u>Presentation</u>	<u>Upper Saddle River</u>	<u>3/10/1968</u>	<u>51</u>
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<u>5519</u>	<u>West Orange</u>	<u>West Orange</u>	<u>3/22/1964</u>	<u>55</u>
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State Deputy Robert Hatler along with the entire NJ State Council and the Newsletter Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish **ALL** councils best wishes on their **Charter Anniversary**.

May your council continue to grow and do good deeds for many more years to come! Let's continue to grow our Order, expand our programs and continue to be "**Anchored in our Charity and Fraternity!**"

Happy Anniversary

[NOTE: Due to the large number of anniversaries this month, we had to limit the publishing list to the names of councils celebrating their 25th, 50th, Anniversary or more. When there is adequate space for more, we will include more Councils]

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