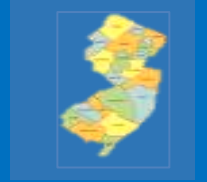


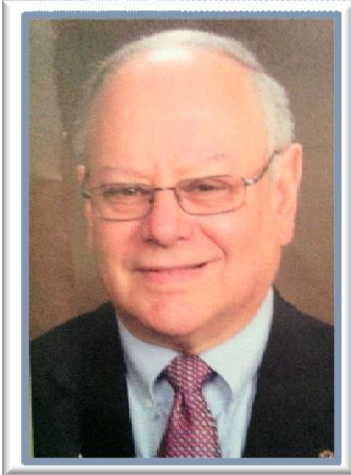


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State Deputy's Message



Andrew E. Lipenta
State Deputy



My Brother Knights,

While attending the mid-term State Deputy meeting, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson reminded all of us with the theme presented, at the Supreme Convention the importance for us is "We Will All Be Brothers, Our Vocation to Fraternity".

That being said, I ask you to please remember the Christians suffering religious persecution in Iraq. If we can give support please do so, remember charity is the first principle of our Order.

Also please remember the Fraternal Giving letter that was mailed in early October to every brother knight in New Jersey. Your charitable donations support many charities that send in requests for assistance to the State Council office.

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving and now as we turn the calendar page to December, we are beginning the new Liturgical Calendar Year with Advent and the approaching of the beautiful Christmas Season.

As we arrive at December, five months are behind us already and we are at the half way point of this Columbian Year. It is a good time to take stock of how we are progressing toward our council's goals.

Primary in reaching your goals is the review of your plan for membership growth for your councils. Are you on target to meet your council growth goal?

New membership is the lifeblood of the council and will provide the manpower for your programs and also provide talented future leaders of your councils.

Your council's future leaders depend on membership growth, so important, to provide vibrant support for our parish churches and communities.

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Have you scheduled frequent first degrees? There should be at least one first degree every month in each council or at the minimum in the district that your council is a member.

Keeping with the membership slogan from Supreme Council, our membership theme is, One Member per Council per Month. We are stressing again, this year, that membership growth occurs 365 days a year, not just during the fall and spring membership drives.

We offer the "Membership Super Bowl Challenge" contest to meet you council's membership goal by January 10, 2015. If your council attains the prescribed goal, State Council will provide your council with the makings for a great Super Bowl party. This information is found on your Grand Knight Handbook CD and on the NJ State Council Website. www.njkofo.org.

Please note that all Grand Knights along with their District Deputies are expected to attend the mid-term meeting scheduled also for January 10, 2015 at the Metuchen Diocesan Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ.

Please take advantage of this opportunity and help us grow the order so we will have a louder, larger collective voice to "Proclaim and Defend our Faith".

On behalf of my wife Maria, I wish you the Blessings of a Holy Advent and Christmas Season and for a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Andrew Lipenta

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It is important that we, as Catholics, show that Jesus is the real reason for the season. All brother Knights are asked to attend the N.J. State Council Annual Blessing of the Nativity. This event will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 in front of the.

New Jersey State House on West State Street, in Trenton, at 11:00 A.M. With your support, we, as Knights of Columbus, and as Catholics, can make the statement that the season is also to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Program Corner

'Tis the season ... Advent Season that is! Let us "Keep Christ in Christmas" through our thoughts with our prayers, on our lips with our words, and in our heart with our actions and deeds!

All of the work that we have put forth in the last two months now comes to fruition as we distribute "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and Christmas cards, feed needy families, clothe others with winter coats, and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with the shut-in and sick from our parish, in addition to our families and our friends. You are the face of God that people see in this world – Salve Frater! Through your deeds, you are living the advent season as represented by the candles of an advent wreath. You provide hope as represented by the first candle, the "Prophecy Candle". You share love and spread joy and peace, just as the second, third, and fourth candles represent. Finally, as the white candle, or the "Christ Candle", represents, you are sharing the life of Christ that has come into the world.

December considerations should be:

- Light Up for Christ, share with the entire parish; 12/2
- Mass w/corporate Communion celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a gathering afterwards; the weekend of 12/6 & 12/7.
- Marian Devotional Prayer Program is The Blessed Immaculate Conception
- Council Website Contest; 12/30
- Keeping Christ in Christmas as a reminder with Christmas cards, magnets, and billboards.
- Visiting the shut in and sick from your parish.
- Visiting a Homeless Shelter and helping them financially, or with blankets, coats, and time
- Welcoming back members who we have not seen for a while to participate in our programs
- Child ID kits –something FREE
- Feeding needy families for Christmas
- Making arrangements for your Council Spelling Bee and Free Throw for our youth.
- Distributing the *Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet*; form 1728A @ your business meeting and with the annual billing.
- Attending the annual Blessing of the Nativity at the NJ State House 12/14, 10am

What is the biggest problem AND the biggest problem solver? Communication! A proven and effective means of communications is a council newsletter and or website. I encourage everyone to submit their newsletters for consideration of honors, and the same goes for your council website. Just as your communications inspire others to participate in your council, sharing your newsletter and website also inspire other leaders in our Order to improve their communication skills.

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!*

My wife, Barbara, and I wish you and your family a blessed and merry Christmas!

Yours in friendship and fraternity,

Ray Sands FDD



The "Editor's" Page: *Commentary*



In our effort to get the Knights of Columbus programs and news to our members, in a timely manner we have accrued e-mail **addresses of nearly 20,000** dedicated members of our Order.

This has come about with the combined efforts of the webmaster and the newsletter staff. This effort, in acquiring these addresses, has saved the State Council thousands of dollars, over the last couple of years, and has increased our charitable giving. Between the newsletter, bulletins and timely alerts, we have been able to keep our membership informed of State programs and happenings. Our goal is to reach all 64,000 plus members of our State in this manner.

Of course, in order for this method to be successful, we need everyone's support with supplying us with their e-mail. We ask every Grand Knight, who has not already done so, to get the email addresses of each member of his council. In turn, we ask every Grand Knight to turn these e-mail addresses over to your District Deputy. We also ask every D.D. to forward these addresses to our webmaster to include them into our mailing list.

It is also very important that the webmaster be notified of any e-mail address change so that he can maintain an up to date list and not have them returned as undeliverable. We have a strong order in New Jersey, our programs have benefited many and our membership has been increasing. Communication has been a very key factor in we, as Knights, are succeeding in what we do for our brothers, our families and our communities. With your support in this matter, we will continue to do more.

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS!

It's that joyous time of year again. December is upon us and with it all the joys of Christmas. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, turkey dinners with family and friends, snow on the roof, stockings hanging on the fireplace, and shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those who pass us in the streets? Is this really ALL Christmas is? For some it is, but not for everyone!

For many people, Christmas is a time of sorrow. They don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. Many are saddened at Christmastime when they think of their loved ones who will not be able to come home for various reasons. Turkey dinners may be only a wish and not a reality for some.

Father McGivney's deep sense of the beauty of the human person prompted him to found our Order. "One in their humanity and one in their Catholic faith," his Knights would mutually affirm their dignity and worth as persons and would "reach out to those most in need," he said then. Today, as much as in 1882, all of our activities are intended to affirm the dignity of the human person and the holiness of the family.

For those of us who will be blessed to be experiencing joy it behooves us, as true Knights of Columbus, to reach out to those who are not as fortunate during this Christmas Season. There is no greater time for us to practice the virtues Father McGivney believed in and passed down to us. Let us make it a Merry Christmas for as many of our brethren as we can by bringing joy to their world!

After all, Charity is one of the virtues!

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS!

Culture of Life Corner

It is hard to believe, but another year has passed; the Christmas season is again upon us, as we begin a new liturgical year with the holy season of Advent. Although October was Pro-Life month, December is certainly one in which we celebrate the greatness of life and what every life can achieve. Ask yourself this: What if Mary, a woman who became pregnant before living with her husband, had had an abortion to avoid being “exposed to shame” (i.e. stoned to death for adultery)? What would have become of the world then? What would the world have lost? Every child deserves to be born and to achieve greatness in its life. Let us spend some time this month in reflection upon that.

As we move into January, we have several Pro-Life programs approaching, and for which we must prepare. First, there is the March for Life in Washington on January 22. If your council or parish has a bus going, be sure to submit the details to the State Council. There may be many people around the state who would like to go and would love to join you on your bus, if they even knew about it. Please fill out the form at this [LINK](#) by December 16 and help us spread the word.

In addition, every 22nd of the month I hope you are asking your pastor to dedicate a Respect Life Mass, or have a prayer service at a council meeting, as part of our Prayers for Babies program. Details are in the Grand Knight’s Handbook. Let us continue the fight to make abortion a thing of the past!

Please also remember that our Ultrasound Initiative is not just about purchasing and placing ultrasound machines in pregnancy care centers that support life. It is about helping those centers with the costs of maintaining them. Free ultrasounds for women aren’t free. Sanctity of Life Director Bill Harris pointed out in a meeting recently that it costs Options for Women in Cherry Hill \$217 to perform a “free” ultrasound. When you combine that with the statistic that 8-9 women out of 10 that view an ultrasound choose not to have an abortion, then it costs \$217 to save a life there! So ask your local pregnancy care center what their cost per ultrasound is and then raise some money to save some lives! In Cherry Hill, \$1,000 would save 5 lives. How many would it save in your community?

That said, fundraising for life should continue to be a priority, and the Baby Bottle Boomerang program continues to be an excellent way of doing it. DD Al Del Tufo tells me that council 3826 has raised a total of \$10,849.27 so far! Imagine how much that money can do for Life! If they can do it, so can you! If you are not doing it already, make it a New Year’s Resolution for your council to do so!

Need some ideas on how to spend the money you raise? How about at least \$200 to Deborah Hospital, \$200 to Supporting Pregnant Women in Crisis and at least \$300 to the Alzheimer’s Drive? Then, if you have someone willing to jump into the ocean in February, at least \$600 for the Polar Plunge? We can do so much!

That said, on behalf of my wife Susan and myself, we wish you a joyous and holy Christmas, and a happy new year. See you in 2015!

Vivat Jesus!






















Steven J. Richardson, FM
Culture of Life Programs Director



The Bulletin Board

SCHEDULED DEGREES

[LINK](#)  individual councils below for

DEGREE: DATE:	LINK 	LOCATION &
CAMDEN:		
First	Council 2531 	Wed. Dec. 10
First	Council 3784 	Mon. Dec.15
First	Council 6374 	Mon. Jan. 19
Second	Council 7463 	Mon. Dec. 1
Third	Council 1443 	Fri. Jan. 16
METUCHEN:		
First	Council 3294 	Thurs. Dec. 18
First & Second	Council 8478 	Tues. Jan. 6
First	Council 6364 	Tues. Jan. 26
First & Second	Council 11409 	Mon. Jan. 19
NEWARK:		
Second	Council 1711 	Wed. Dec. 3
Second	Council 5846 	Wed. Dec. 10
Second	Council 2586 	Wed. Jan. 21
Third	Council 2853 	Fri. Jan. 30
PATERSON:		
First	Council 943 	Tues. Dec. 9
Second	Council 6320 	Wed. Dec. 3
Second	Council 3969 	Fri. Dec. 12
TRENTON:		
First	Council 8603 	Wed. Dec. 10
Second	Council 8733 	Tues. Dec. 9
Third	Council 6201 	Fri. Dec. 12
Third	Council 1672 	Fri. Jan. 9
Check www.njkofo.org for Degree Updates		



Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month



474 – Warren, Phillipsburg	12-19-99	115
475 - Paulus Hook Jersey City	12-24-99	115
943 - St. Anthony Butler	12-18-04	110
2561 – Caldwell Caldwell	12-14-24	90

Our State Deputy Andrew “Andy” Lipenta 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 ranks, expand our programs and, in doing so, **“Proclaim and Defend our Faith!”**

Happy Anniversary

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

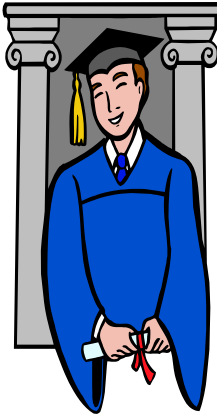
What do you do with your E-Newsletter when you are finished reading it? Before you delete it, consider the following: Send it to –



Family and friends;
Your membership prospects;
Local parish priests;
Your Councils Columbian Squires;
Add one of your own.

After all, we are proud of what we do! So let’s brag about it by telling others.

Bishop Dougherty Scholarship



Please remember a donation to the Bishop Dougherty Scholarship Fund in your Council's Christmas giving. Make a motion at your next meeting to send a donation. The donation form is in the Youth Activities Section of the Grand Knight's Handbook. The check is sent to the Chairman.

We have many outstanding scholars among our children and grandchildren. They also use their free time volunteering for Church, School and Community service in the tradition of the Knights of Columbus. Your donation to the Scholarship Fund helps recognize their scholastic and service achievements. The Scholarship encourages our young people to continue their education and life of service to others.

Christmas Blessings to all!

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General Agent Report

“The Holidays”

In November and December we gather to “celebrate” the holidays. Of course, at Thanksgiving we gather with our family and friends and give thanks to God that our forefathers, (ancestors – parents, grandparents or great, great, great grandparents), came to America seeking a better life for themselves and their children and future grandchildren. To many, America was an idealized place where the streets were paved with gold. The reality was far more harsh and unforgiving. Our Founder realized that and the Knights of Columbus was his response to the nightmare that befell families that lost a bread winner.

His second reason for starting the Order was because men were being pulled away from the Church by pressures in society. Fr. McGivney wanted men to be strong in their faith and to stand up for each other as they faced persecution. In some ways we are facing similar, though less obvious oppression. One overt way is the use of “Happy Holidays”. “Happy Holidays” is not the reason for the season.

Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. As Catholics we should be shouting this from the top of the mountains, telling everyone we meet, “Merry Christmas”.....To that end, in the Diocese of Paterson, we have started a “Keep Christ in Christmas” billboard campaign.

So to you and yours, from me and mine, including all of the General Agents, Field Agents and their families, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! And may the Peace of Christ be with you all in the New Year.

Charlie Miraglia,
General Agent,
Northern New Jersey



Star Council Awards

2013 was a banner year for State as we were awarded a total of 38 Star Council Awards from the Supreme Council. For the first time, in the Order's history, Triple Star Council Awards were presented to 6 New Jersey councils! Congratulations to all our Star Councils!

Triple Star Council Award

Council 405...Atlantic City
 Council 2560...Ocean City
 Council 5324...Matawan
 Council 7913...St. Peter's University
 Council 8603...Bayville
 Council 10899...Toms River

Double Star Council Award

Council 475...Jersey City
 Council 3397...Glassboro
 Council 6392...Lincroft
 Council 10419...Long Valley
 Council 14615...Little Egg Harbor
 Council 15217...Pittstown

Star Council Award

Council 355...Trenton: Council 636,
 Princeton : Council 1443, Haddon Twp :
 Council 2858, Middletown : Council 3240,
 Roselle Park : Council 3402, Keyport :
 Council 3826, Beach Haven: Council 3962,
 Ramsey : Council 6386, Short Hills : Council
 6621, Vineland : Council 7046, Monmouth
 Junction : Council 7333, Allentown : Council
 7784, Newton : Council 8733, Tabernacle :
 Council 9193, Blackwood : Council 10994,
 Wrightstown : Council 11529, Jackson :
 Council 12004, Plainsboro : Council 12430,
 Blairstown : Council 12592, Hainesport :
 Council 12769, Secaucus : Council 12940,
 Lakehurst : Council 12974, Layton : Council
 14493, Kinnelon : Council 14716, West
 Windsor : Council 15703, Farmingdale

If your council's number is not on this list, try to get on it this Columbian Year!



SELECT ARCHIVED ARTICLES:

The following *"Editor's Choice"* specially selected past articles of interest are available on our State Website under the ["Media"](#) section:

[September 2013](#) – *"I Hate Selling"*

[October 2013](#) – *"Consider using Brochures"*

[November 2013](#) – *"Your Role as a K of C Leader"*

[December 2013](#) – *"Keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas"*

Page 8 – *"Saint Nicholas ~ Santa Claus"*

Are they one and the same?

[January 2014](#) – *"We Can, We Must, We Will"*

[February 2014](#) – *"Communications"*

"Extra, Extra" – *Saint Valentine*

[March 2014](#) – *"Attention Webmasters"*

Page 7 – *"Saint Patrick"*

[April 2014](#) – *"Welcoming Younger Members"*

[May 2014](#) – *"Member Retention"*

[June 2014](#) – *"Teamwork"*

[July 2014](#) – *"The Importance of Planning"*

[August 2014](#) – *"What does the K of C do for me?"*

[September 2014](#) – *"Have we forgotten them?"*

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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:

"Publicity"

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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.

2014


- December 6** - District Deputy Meeting
- December 15** – Soccer Challenge Participation Form
- December 16** – March for Life Bus reporting Form
- December 20** - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline
- December 31** – 2014 – 2015 Web Site Contest

2015

- January 10** - Grand Knights Meeting
- January 20** - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline
- January 31** - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Due

- February 1** - Emergency Care Service Award
- February 1** - Senior Citizen of the Year
- February 1** - Shield Award – Firefighter
- February 1** - Shield Award – Police
- February 1** - Habitat for Humanity
- February 20** - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

Please forward this Newsletter to all your council members.

WHEREVER YOU SEE PRINT [“LINK”] THE COLOR OF THIS BOX – OR  – YOU CAN HYPERLINK DIRECTLY TO THE WEBSITE

CHECK for “Summary of Forms & Deadlines” 



Quarterly Calendar



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