



# The Crusader



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**Robert Hatler**  
State Deputy



## State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Looking at my calendar, it's late January and when you get this we'll be in February. Time does fly by, that's for sure. With that in mind we're coming into the busiest time of the year in the State. Local councils are planning many programs and activities that truly epitomize what we as Knights are all about.

We have just completed three successful Grand Knight Mid-Term meetings in January. These were very well attended and provided your Grand Knight with an abundance of information and activities for you to become involved with. There's got to be something out there that interests you! You can become involved in and help your councils in areas such as: Council Free Throw competitions, Intellectual Disability drives, Special Olympic activities, Veteran's program activities just to name a few. PLEASE consider helping out in some way to show everyone in your Council, parish and community the great things we do for others.

As we approach the holy season of Lent I ask you all to consider getting involved in the many parish and council activities that this season has to offer. Talk to your pastor/chaplain and start a men's or family holy hour; conduct stations of the cross; start an "Into the Breach" men's study group at the parish and invite members and non-members to attend. These are ways we show our Catholicity and how we are working towards Building the Domestic Church!

On a positive note our membership numbers continue to increase. We are doing better in retaining members due to the hard work of retention committees in the local councils. We have reactivated a few councils to date and new councils are being considered in a number of areas in the State.

We are all very excited here at the State council in preparing for the Supreme Online Membership pilot program which will start in New Jersey on February 5, 2018. This is a new, innovative way for men to join the Knights and take advantage of the fraternal benefits we offer and to get involved with a local council. Information was provided to the Grand Knights at the mid-term meetings and more will be forthcoming.

Finally a few bookkeeping items for Grand Knights and Officers:

- Councils should have completed the Annual Fraternal Survey, Form 1728, and submitted it to Supreme and the State. This is an extremely important form to be filed that allows the Knights of Columbus to maintain its tax exempt status with the Federal Government. Please complete it and send if you haven't already;
- Council Audits should be in progress and completed in the next few weeks;
- Per Capita bills were mailed out to councils who still owe for this fraternal year. Grand Knights should ensure the amount is paid timely so as not to be in jeopardy of suspension.

I wish you all the very best as we move into the coming months where the work of the Knights is seen and appreciated by so many people!

VIVAT JESUS

[Bob Hatler, State Deputy](#)

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# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

## SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

<u>DEGREE/DATE</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b><u>CAMDEN:</u></b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ Feb 16	Council 1443	Haddon Twp
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 20	Council 2531	Vineland
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 28	Special 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Honoring Bishop Dennis Sullivan	
<b><u>METUCHEN:</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 19	Council 5170	Washington
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ Feb 21	Council 6930	Whitehouse Sta
<b><u>NEWARK:</u></b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ Feb 9	Council 2842	Rochelle Pk
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 13	Council 2188	Westwood
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 16	Council 3644	Wallington
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 20	Council 2561	Caldwell
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ Feb 23	Council 12769	Secaucus
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 25	Council 3550	Ridgefield
<b><u>PATERSON:</u></b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> ~ Feb 15	Council 359	Morristown
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 21	Council 11671	Clifton
<b><u>TRENTON:</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 1	Council 12232	Keyport
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 7	Council 636	Princeton
1 <sup>st</sup> ~ Feb 13	Council 7926	Pt Pleasant
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 16	Council 3402	Keyport

### 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:

Today is January 19 and I am sitting on a bus coming home from The March for Life in Washington, DC with 40 students from my school and I am using my phone to prepare this monthly Membership report – certainly a statement that was not uttered 20 or 30 years ago, but technology has allowed us to better forward our message and be more productive with our time.

When this newsletter is published, we will have completed our Mid Term Grand Knight meetings. By “taking our show on the road” and not hosting one, centralized meeting, we were able to reach many Grand Knights and Membership Chairmen and discuss the progress made in the first six months of the Columbian Year and our plans for the second half of the Columbian Year.

At the conclusion of December, 2017, the State of New Jersey brought in 907 new members towards our first half of the Columbian Year goal of 1,230 new members – that is 73.74%. This represents tremendous efforts by the local councils to grow our Order. I encourage you to continue to schedule Admission Degrees and recruit new members to those scheduled degrees. For the first six months of this Columbian Year, we met or exceeded our membership goals in those months where there were more Admission Degrees held than in the same month a year ago. The use of the video presentation of the Admission Degree has become more widely used and this has proven to be an effective tool in getting new members into our Order. If your Council is thinking about forming an Admission Degree team, talk with your District Deputy if you need assistance.

As positive as this first half membership number is, there are still 153 councils in the State of New Jersey that have not reported a new member this Columbian Year. In June, I challenged each District Deputy to bring in two new members per district each month. With more than 40% of the councils not bringing in a new member, it makes reaching this goal more difficult. If you are the Grand Knight or Membership Chairman of one of these councils, how can your District Deputy or Diocesan Membership Chairman assist you in recruiting new members? Are you reaching out for assistance or just accepting the status quo?

As reported in this column last month and discussed at the Grand Knight Mid Term meetings, On Line Membership goes live in New Jersey on February 5, 2018. When a member signs up on line, they will be asked if they want to join a local council. The Fraternal Benefits Department and Membership Team will assist in cultivating these online members to become degree members of your local council. This is a new method to attract members who are exploring membership in our Order via the internet. Please make sure that your council has an online presence so that information is available to prospective members.

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.

May the Holy Season of Lent be a time of prayerful reflection and service to others for you, your family, and your Council. NOTHING CHANGES IF NOTHING CHANGES!

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 15<sup>TH</sup> 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 **LINKS ARE UNDERLINED**

**2018**

**Feb 1 ~ Multiple State Report Forms Due**

**Feb 2 ~ Candlemas Day & Groundhog Day**

**Feb 10 / 11 ~ State Bowling Tournament**

**Feb 14 ~ Ash Wednesday**

**Feb 14 ~ Valentine's Day**

**Feb 17 / 18 ~ State Bowling Tournament**

**Feb 19 ~ President's Day**

**Feb 24 ~ Polar Bear Plunge**

**Feb 28 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Honoring Bishop Sullivan**

**Mar 1 ~ Multiple State Report Forms Due**

**Mar 4 ~ Paterson Regional Free Throw**

**Mar 17 ~ St Patrick's Day**

**Mar 24 ~ Metuchen Regional Free Throw**

**Mar 24 ~ Newark Regional Free Throw**

**Mar 25 ~ Palm Sunday**

**Mar 29 ~ Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)**

**Mar 30 ~ Good Friday**

**Mar 31 ~ Holy Saturday**

**Mar 31 ~ Multiple State Report Forms Due**

**Mar 31 ~ Trenton Regional Free Throw**

**April 1 ~ Easter Sunday**

**April 8 ~ Free Throw State Finals**

**April 12 ~ Pride in our Priest Dinner ~ Trenton Diocese**

**April 22 ~ Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree ~ 1<sup>st</sup> District**

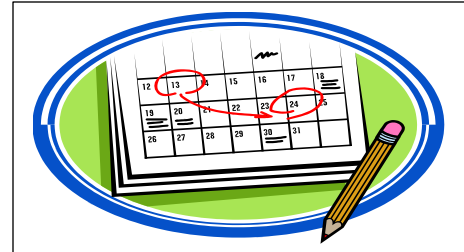
**April 24 ~ Pride in our Priests Dinner ~ Metuchen Diocese**

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ARE AVAILABLE BY CLICKING [HERE](#)

[WWW.NJKOFC.ORG](http://WWW.NJKOFC.ORG)



## Quarterly Calendar



### FEBRUARY 2018

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# Highlighted Programs of the Month

## Keep Christ Before Us

Every year at this time, CCD classes across the state are preparing the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for their First Holy Communion in May, and some are preparing older children for their Confirmation. Wouldn't it be a nice present for your Council to donate a First Communion Kit or Confirmation book to the children in your Parish. Councils across the state have been doing this for a few years now and not only do the children get great use of them, but the parents, as well as your Pastor, appreciate this gesture.

The Communion kits have a Missal for the children, and also come with a Scapular and Rosary Beads, black for boys, white for girls. Sometimes parents have trouble locating the white rosary beads at a reasonable price, with these books, they are included. While being useful to the children now, the books become a keepsake for the family. I can also email your Council a template for a small label you can apply to the front of the book with the emblem of the order and your Council number on it.

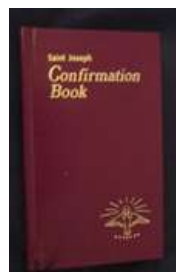
The Confirmation book helps the children prepare for their upcoming Sacrament, it has the ceremony in there, as well as

With Ash Wednesday coming up shortly, it is time to think about Lent and Easter, Easter Egg Hunts and Easter coloring books. If you look in the Grand Knight's Manual, you will see we have many coloring books for use throughout the year, with 2 for Easter (About Lent and Easter) and another for the Communicants in your Parish (Confession and Communion)

All of these items could help your Council in the Membership area, I know of as few men that joined after seeing what the Knights do for children and their families.

Vivat Jesus

[John A Gazis, FDD](#)



## Save a Life

Since the inception of the Ultrasound Initiative program, we have placed several machines with pregnancy care centers throughout the state, secure in the knowledge that if a woman is given the opportunity to view an ultrasound, she will choose life over abortion 80% to 90% of the time. However, a recent survey of PPCs that received an ultrasound machine through this program revealed that the cost per client for its use ranged from \$82 to \$438.

While our Ultrasound Initiative has demonstrated excellent results, some PCCs incur added costs that require them to reallocate resources to operate and maintain the new machine for a five- to 10-year period. In addition, we know that some PCCs are in serious financial positions that may reduce their capacity to fulfill their mission of providing expectant mothers with a no-cost opportunity to make an informed decision on their pregnancy.

We must therefore provide ongoing support for these centers by raising money to offset these costs. Funds could be used to cover the following (and possible other) costs:

- PCC sonographer and counseling salaries
- Ultrasound machine maintenance
- Supplies
- Educational materials
- Insurance costs
- Training
- Payment of equipment upgrades (such as enhanced sound capacity or a flat-screen monitor)

If the cost per client for an ultrasound is anywhere from \$82 to \$438, and we know that women viewing the ultrasound overwhelmingly choose life, then this is, in effect, the cost to Save a Life. Your council should strive to support these centers by making donations to save lives. This is one way in which our donations can have a direct, real world, impact in promoting the Culture of Life. A current list of the pregnancy care centers that have our ultrasound machines is on the State Council web site through this [LINK](#).

Vivat Jesus

[Kevin Bieberbach, FDD](#)

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY  
TO SAVE LIVES



## PROGRAM CORNER

Hello Brothers. As I write this article, I am looking at the calendar and realizing it is only 4 months until the NJ State Convention in Wildwood. That means a fun time to be had by all, but also a lot of work for the Members of the State Program team. On May 18<sup>th</sup> we will be holding the Awards Ceremony at the Convention Center. I am looking forward to a fun filled and successful afternoon, but we need your help. You must get your program figures and applications in to be recognized. As our State Deputy always says, blink and it will be over. Your Columbian Award forms should be at least half filled out, if not more. We must remember that in this Fraternal Year, 1 Domestic Church Activity must be done in each area.

In Council and Fraternal Activities, we have the Website and Photography Contest forms due by 3/31. We have the Family and Knight of the Month programs, Make sure when you enter Family of the Month you also submit the Supreme forms for recognition. The Bowling Tournament will be held 2/10-11 and 2/17-18 at the PlayDrome in Toms River. The McGivney Guild, under PSD William Birtwistle, continues to grow and should be offered at all Degrees

In Church Activities, please get involved in our Seminarian Letters Program, the reports must be in by 3/31. Our Future Priests need our support, and this is a fantastic way to show them how much we care. Also start planning to order your Keep Christ Before Us Easter coloring books due 3/1 and the Holy Communion and Confirmation Books due 4/1 from John Gazis. The Parochial and CCD Teacher of the Year forms must be into your DD by 2/1/18. As well as the CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR due 3/31. There are 362 Council, there should be 362 applications. GET THEM IN!!

For Community Activities, we have the deadline for the following coming up. The EMT, Sr Citizen, Police and Fireman of the Year forms need to be submitted by 2/1. We need to take care of our Veterans as the weather gets colder and gloomier. The Eyes for the Needy report needs to be submitted by 3/31 and the Food for the Hungry reports are also due to the Chairman by 3/31.

In Youth Activities, The Catholic Citizenship Contest must be completed by the Councils by Jan 30, and sent to the DD's by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. One of the most important things to do this year is to have completed the SAFE AWARENESS program. All those involved in Youth Activities MUST complete this Program. Please contact our State Advocate Ray Sands for any needed info.

Also DO NOT FORGET the Form 1728 Fraternal Survey must be in to Supreme by 1/31 and the Semi-Annual Audit must be into Supreme by 2/15. There is also a Programs page on Facebook under the name [NJ STATE COUNCIL PROGRAMS 2017-18](#), PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING.

Remember we are all a phone call or email away  
[Harold Delaney, FDD](#),  
 NJ State Program Director

## PATRIOTIC CORNER

My Brother Knights & Sir Knights,

Well winter has set in, we are past the Christmas season, ringing in a New Year, March for Life, just to name a few. Many say winter is here and not much is going on, doesn't sound like it. Now we rush into the shortest month of the year and we hope the groundhog doesn't see his shadow! That being said hopefully your Assembly should have filled out its fraternal survey and submitted it by January 31<sup>st</sup>. There is always time to recruit. Remember, recruitment is a 365 day of the year job. Food for thought, we have a little under 62,000 members in the Knights of Columbus in New Jersey and just a little over 10,000 4<sup>th</sup> degree members! Many brothers to choose from if you take the time and explain the benefits of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree and ask them to join us!

### MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT OPPURTUNITY

Fourth Degree members are united in their dedication to patriotism informed by our Catholic faith. The patriotic spirit of every Knights of Columbus member can be strengthened if he chooses to become a member of the Fourth Degree. To effectively support patriotism, the Fourth Degree will always need additional members. We encourage Third Degree Knights to take the patriotic degree of the Order.

No matter if you are in the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Fourth degree there will be an opportunity to ask your brothers to take that final step and become a Fourth degree member and reach that final stage of becoming a Knight in full. It also gives them the chance to become a member of the most visible arm of the Knights, the Color Corps. Although it is not required again, we can always use your help. The Color Corps is what most people remember, so please consider supporting us! Both Districts will be hosting and Exemplification in April, details to be forwarded soon!

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPURTUNITY

Many times we are asked about scholarship money for college students, in the past there is money there but applications are not submitted so I have attached 2 links that have to be filled out and submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Start filling them out now time is running out!! Apply for both, good luck.

- [ProPatria Scholarship](#)
- [John McDevitt Scholarship](#)

In closing, don't forget your loved ones this month, make sure you do something a little extra special for Valentine's Day, without our loved ones support the Knights would not be what we are!

VIVAT JESUS!

[Christopher Tomasello](#)  
 Master, 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ District

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS CORNER

Brother Knights,

Since 1968, the Knights of Columbus has raised and donated more than \$600 million for [Special Olympics](#) and hundreds of grassroots programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. ([Article](#)) This brings alive the Catholic Church's teaching of the intrinsic worth and dignity of each and every human being. Through the power and joy of sport, [Special Olympics NJ](#) has changed the lives and hopes of thousands of individuals with intellectual disabilities throughout NJ. For the athletes and their families, they have opened the door to unimagined possibilities. For those Brother Knights and others who volunteer and support the various Games, it inspires unprecedented pride and hope for a brighter future ([Video](#)). The NJ State Council requests that ALL councils organize fundraisers, events, and donation drives that will continue to benefit Special Olympics. Additionally, numerous Special Olympics [volunteer opportunities](#) and [events](#) are occurring, so sign-up for the [SONJ newsletter](#) to keep informed. Send a report of your council's Special Olympics activities and donations to State Chairman [Stephen Matuszek, FDD](#).

In support of Special Olympics, the February 24<sup>th</sup> [Polar Bear Plunge](#) will be held in Seaside Heights. **PLEASE DONATE TODAY** by visiting the [NJKofC Polar Penguins Plunge page](#), click on "MEMBERS", and give toward any team member or select [State Chairman/Team Captain John Gazis, FDD](#) to show your support! The day begins with a team breakfast at [Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center](#), 100 Grant Ave., Seaside Heights, and a hot lunch after the Plunge, thanks to the Staff at [Simon's Kitchen](#) and [Rev. Gebhard Braungart Council 8415](#).

The April **Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive** will also provide critically needed support to Special Olympics Programs and verified [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) charitable organizations helping those with intellectual disabilities. Therefore, follow the detailed instructions [here](#), and have an immensely successful Fund Drive! We're counting on YOU! The State Chairman is [Gary Seals, FDD](#). Remember that Knights are not only men of faith, but also men of action. Keep up the great work! The prayers of the Special Programs Team are with you all. [Vivat Jesus!](#)

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

## CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

Brothers:

With the Mid-term Grand Knights meetings over, and the March for Life/Rally for Life concluded, it is time to move on to other programs and initiatives. But remember, as I mentioned at the meetings, you must publicize your efforts and [report to the State Council](#) on what you are doing. In order to turn the hearts of our fellow citizens, they need to know what we are doing!

**Turn Off the TV Day.** Hopefully, your council is participating in this program and has already had members send out letters to the networks and pledge cards to members and parishioners. Then all we have to do is start off the Lenten season by turning off our TVs on February 15. All the resources you need are at this [LINK](#).

**Truth Booth Cards.** Don't forget to use the Truth Booth cards with your Life Chains! They are a great way to get ultrasound images in front of any expectant mother. You should know that with the latest version of the operating system (iOS 11), iPhones can scan QR codes with their cameras; no special app needed! Get more info on the cards at this [LINK](#).

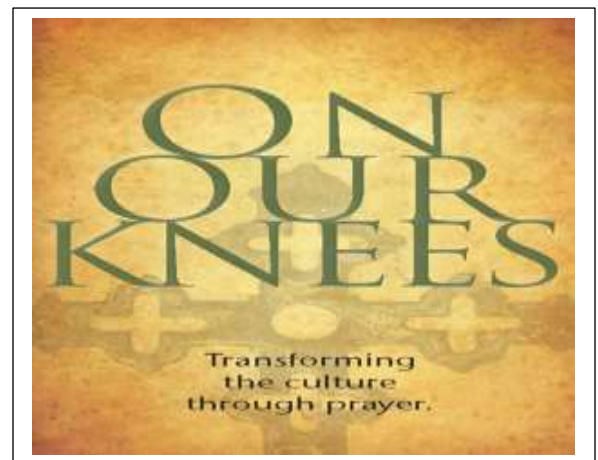
**Recognize Your Members.** Those that put forth exemplary effort towards a Culture of Life deserve recognition. Nominate a Knight *and/or his Lady* for [ACE Wings](#) or a member as [Catholic Citizen of the Year](#).

Keep fighting the good fight, Brothers!

Steven J. Richardson, FM

Culture of Life Programs Director

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



# INSURANCE MATTERS

## Are You Getting Your Share of the \$1.2 Billion?

Last year, the Knights of Columbus paid out over \$1.2 Billion dollars to our members and their families. Yes I said billion with a B. We paid out over \$253 million in dividends on our policies, over \$419 million in death benefits to the families of our members and over \$545 million in income was returned to the holders of our annuity contracts.

Did you get your share? Are you in the program? If you are not yet insured with us, or are letting us protect your retirement nest egg, or haven't met with an agent, you won't get a piece of the pie in the future. Through our prudent and steady investing strategies, careful stewardship of every penny we get in premiums from our members and their families, our returns are as good as or better than any company in the industry. (And when the economy went south and the other companies asked the government for a bail out, we didn't need one.) We take protecting you and your family and their future to be our most important obligation.

Since 1882, in small and large ways, the Order has been here to help Catholic families. Our marching orders came from our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney who said, no Catholic family should suffer financial devastation from the loss of a loved one. We have furthered that vision through our annuity products, Long term care insurance and disability income insurance.

Protection, Savings and Growth has been our unofficial motto, as the decades of service have gone on. We are here to protect your family, help them save and grow their nest egg, so that they will never have to rely on public assistance to make ends meet. We offer a full range of products to help your family now and in the future and we also, can help with retirement planning, social security planning and answer other needs you may have.

We're not your grandfather's Knights of Columbus insurance anymore.....but protecting Catholic families is still who we are and what we do.

[Charles Miraglia](#)  
General Agent



# WEBMASTER

## Avoiding Platitudes

The Webmaster has many:

- "You get more bees with honey than with vinegar!"
- "Don't poke the Bear! (The root of Bernard – bern - is bear in german)"
- "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"
- "I am not your father's piñata!"

Not to worry, I have strong shoulders, and an even stronger resolve to do my job as professionally as possible. While I view that I am in service (24/7) to each of the 60,000+ members, and I serve annually at the pleasure of the State Deputy, it is not necessary or productive to take your frustration or anger out on me.

I will gladly talk you through any difficulty you may be experiencing but you need to remain calm.

If I have screwed up (yes, it happens!) I will gladly take your venting, I will even let you vent if it is someone else's screw up. I won't throw others under the bus.

I don't know what it is, but in the past 6 months e-mails have gotten really personal and vile – only a few of which I have shared with others. Most, ironically caused by others – or by the complaintant's failure to read instructions - I simply resolve and delete.

Whatever! It rolls off my back. Every day I start and end with a smile on my face, and every time I answer my phone. I prefer to spend my time helping others and being a productive Knight of Columbus.

Hey, if it is just that you are having a rough day, I can understand. Pick up the phone and call me, don't bang out a denigrating e-mail – it is so impersonal. I guess some have lost the ability to converse civilly.

On a positive note: A LOT of deadlines are coming fast and furious.

Almost every form is available at [www.njkofc.org](http://www.njkofc.org); log in first then click on Members > Forms & Reports > State Council Reporting Forms. Most are complete and submit. Others that require payment can be completed, printed and mailed with payment.

**Help Wanted:** If anyone would like to assist with data entry tasks, please give me a call 24/7 – 732/ 504-7496. My motto: "I never work anyone harder than I work myself!" 😊

Vivat Jesus!!!

[Bernie Ernst, FDD](#)

NJ State Council Webmaster



## SQUIRES CORNER

Brothers,

I hope your Holidays were great. As we start up the year, I wanted to mention that applications for the scholarships are out and can be found in your NJ Grand Knights handbook or can be found on the State [Squire/Squire Rose Web site](#)

Fr John M Murray Catholic High School  
Scholarship

Fr John M Murray Catholic College Scholarship  
John Attardo College Scholarship

Applications must be filed no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> with the Grand Knight and to the State Chairman no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.

It is not too late for your council to make a donation to these Scholarship programs, see the Grand Knights handbook for details.

The 8<sup>th</sup> *Luminary Night* in December in Sparta was rescheduled due to poor weather. Profits from this fund raiser support the many needy and homeless families in North West Jersey.

Youth are our keys to the future of the Knights of Columbus; Consider starting Squires/Squire Roses in your council with your parish as a partner we are in need of young blood and what better way then educating our youth to be more holy and carry on the work of Fr. McGivney statewide are busy working food banks, attending retreats, and many miscellaneous projects assisting our councils, our parishes, and our communities.

Our Next on site Meeting of the State Squires is Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:30PM. This is an onsite and online Meeting.

Our Next Meeting of the State Squires Officers & Committee is Wednesday February 21 17, 2018 at 7:30PM. This is on Online Meeting.

Brothers to start a Circle in your council;  
Contact:

- **Peter Briody, PGK**  
Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Director –  
[NJSquires@gmail.com](mailto:NJSquires@gmail.com)

[Peter D Briody, PGK](#)

Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Program Director

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Brothers,

Every few weeks, Gary Nolan hosts a webinar from the Supreme Council, covering various topics. They are designed to be helpful in the operation of your Council, to help a Grand Knight perform his duties, and are always informative. There are usually at least members of the Supreme Staff on there with him, they all have been members for many years, all holding high offices in their jurisdictions. I don't know how many of you have been attending these webinars, but for those that have not, I would highly recommend attending them. Don't give up half way through the first one, give them a try and attend at least 3, with an open mind. They are geared to assist you with membership growth and program information. The next webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan 31. You will need to register with the Supreme Council so they can send you an invitation. Once registered, you will be able to view previous webinars, which are available on demand. Please consider attending a couple of webinars. For further information, please use this [WEBINAR INFORMATION](#)

While we turn the calendar to February, we must keep in mind that Lent is about to begin, with Ash Wednesday falling on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, also Valentine's Day. Please remember that Lent is the time when Jesus was preparing for his Passion and Resurrection. It is a time for us to "suffer" by fasting and abstaining on certain days, as a way of thanking Jesus for going through that ordeal to save us and help us grow as Catholics. As State Treasurer Jim Stoever says, you should strive to be a better Catholic at the end of Lent than you were at the beginning.

In the next few months, you will be receiving information from the State Council about the State Convention in Wildwood, May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Consider coming down and spending the weekend with your Brother Knights, learning what the State Council has done while serving you. Your Council could be in line to receive an award on Friday, imagine the pride of receiving your Council's awards in front of your Brothers.

[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>3784</u>	<u>Marian</u>	<u>Cherry Hill</u>	<u>2/1/1954</u>	<u>64</u>
<u>10563</u>	<u>Seton Hall University</u>	<u>South Orange</u>	<u>2/1/1999</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>5498</u>	<u>Pope John XXIII</u>	<u>Midland Park</u>	<u>2/2/1964</u>	<u>54</u>
<u>5503</u>	<u>Bishop Justin J McCarthy</u>	<u>Clarksboro</u>	<u>2/3/1964</u>	<u>54</u>
<u>1607</u>	<u>East Orange</u>	<u>East Orange</u>	<u>2/4/1912</u>	<u>106</u>
<u>2346</u>	<u>St Mary's</u>	<u>Nutley</u>	<u>2/5/1922</u>	<u>96</u>
<u>3962</u>	<u>Rev Patrick F Pindar</u>	<u>Ramsey</u>	<u>2/6/1955</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>3197</u>	<u>Rev Thomas Canty</u>	<u>Hillside</u>	<u>2/11/1949</u>	<u>69</u>
<u>405</u>	<u>Atlantic City</u>	<u>Atlantic City</u>	<u>2/12/1899</u>	<u>119</u>
<u>2355</u>	<u>Benedict XV</u>	<u>Cliffside Park</u>	<u>2/12/1922</u>	<u>96</u>
<u>2086</u>	<u>Parcells</u>	<u>Chatham</u>	<u>2/15/1920</u>	<u>98</u>
<u>4907</u>	<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>Spotswood</u>	<u>2/18/1960</u>	<u>58</u>
<u>3969</u>	<u>Regina Mundi</u>	<u>Clifton</u>	<u>2/20/1955</u>	<u>63</u>
<u>2853</u>	<u>St Ann's</u>	<u>Fair Lawn</u>	<u>2/22/1942</u>	<u>76</u>
<u>1672</u>	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>Freehold</u>	<u>2/23/1913</u>	<u>105</u>
<u>3294</u>	<u>Jubilee</u>	<u>Flemington</u>	<u>2/26/1950</u>	<u>68</u>
<u>5819</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Assumption</u>	<u>Emerson</u>	<u>2/27/1966</u>	<u>53</u>
<u>1778</u>	<u>Millville</u>	<u>Millville</u>	<u>2/28/1915</u>	<u>103</u>
<u>5088</u>	<u>St Andrew's</u>	<u>Avenel</u>	<u>2/28/1961</u>	<u>57</u>

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!**"

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