



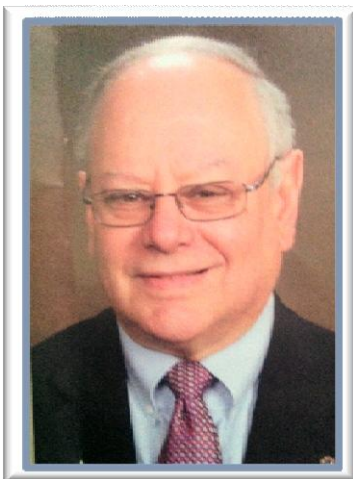
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State Deputy's Message



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State Deputy



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My Brother Knights,

Happy New Year!

We are in the midst of the beautiful Christmas season and as we turn the calendar page to January, we have just passed the half-way point of this Columbian Year.

Now is a good time to take stock of how we are progressing toward our goals at your district level, goals for district deputies and your council level, goals for grand knights.

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

New membership as you know 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, it's so important to provide vibrant support for our parish churches and communities.

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, 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 have offered our second membership contest, the "Membership Super Bowl Challenge" to meet your council's membership goal by January 10, 2015. If your council has attained 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.njkoofc.org.



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Before closing, while I attended the mid-term State Deputy meeting, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson reminded all of us of the theme presented at the recent mid-term meetings, "We Will All Be Brothers, Our Vocation to Fraternity".

That being said, I ask you to please remember those less fortunate that may not have had as good a Christmas as we, if a Christmas at all. Many are out of work, homeless, lacking food and shelter, all of the comforts we are blessed to have.

That also 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 donations support many charities that send in requests for assistance to the State Council office. No amount donated is insignificant. 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, and my family, I hope you have enjoyed the Blessings of a Holy Christmas Season and wish for each of you a Healthy, Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus,

Andy Lipenta

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.

Program Corner

Winter, the New Year, and the midterm are upon us; let us take stock in what we have accomplished so far this year. Then, we need to fine-tune our goals to fulfill the requirements of the form SP7 and have our council do all it can be by year's end. Yes "WE." I look forward to meeting and sharing with you at the Mid-term Grand Knights get-together on January 10th at the Metuchen Diocese Center, Piscataway.

During our midterm appraisal, we need to appreciate that we did not do this alone. We must recognize and acknowledge those who have helped us along the way with their sacrifices, dedication, and hard work. For without their contribution and example, where would we be? Who would we rely on? Who would we look to? Who would we count on? Consider who these people are and, like Santa, make a list. Next, submit their names for a NJ State Council recognition award. We need you to nominate a Knight, a Chaplain, a Family, a Senior, a CCD or Parochial Teacher, an EMT, a Policeman, and Firemen of the Year.

Supreme forms due January 31st...

- Form FT-1 (Free Throw Participation)
- Form 4584 (Special Olympics Partnership)

Most importantly, due **January 31st**, is **Form 1728 (Fraternal Activity Report)** at Supreme, a "Star" requirement!

January program considerations should be:

- March for Life in Washington DC on January 22nd
- International Seminarian Formation support - Br Flynn leaves out mid-January, forward all support.
- Feeding needy families – others are forgotten, while we pay for Christmas in January
- Council Free Throw Championship – to be completed by month's end
- Council Spelling Bee – to be completed by month's end
- Building the Domestic Church: Have a "Meal of Forgiveness"

February programs to be considered and acted upon in January because they're due February 1st ...

- CCD Teacher of the Year; Council application due to your District Deputy
- Parochial Teacher of the Year; Council application due to your District Deputy
- Emergency Care Service Award; Council application due to your District Deputy
- Senior Citizen of the Year Award; Council application due to your District Deputy
- Shield Award; Council application due to your District Deputy
- Habitat for Humanity; Council application due to your District Deputy

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 happy New Year!

Yours in friendship and fraternity,

Ray Sands, FDD

Membership Corner

Brothers,

I hope you and your family had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. With the New Year, many people often make resolutions to begin things like join a gym, lose a few pounds or start a project that has been delayed for a while. Some people even make a resolution to "get more involved" or "do more charity".

That is how the New Year can be a great time to ask men to join the Knights of Columbus. The New Year also marks the mid-way point for the Columbian Year. It is a good time to review your schedule of church drives and first degrees.

Check your church racks. Make sure they are filled with your council's brochures. Be sure you have enough supplies for your upcoming recruit events. The Supply Catalog has many membership items that can be ordered at no charge. This link also has some great suggestions:

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/membership/campaign/support_materials.html

Two of my favorite flyers are "24 Hours can Change Your Life" - Item #10099 show at this link
<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/membership/10099.pdf> and,

"Why You Should Become a Knight" – Item 10100 shown at this link:
<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/membership/10100.pdf>

In closing a reminder to our hardworking District Deputies to maintain the goal of holding one degree per district per month.

Happy New Year Brothers,

John Erwin, FDD
Membership Program Director

Grand Knights meeting

The Mid-term Grand Knights meeting will be held on January 10, 2015 at:

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
146 Metlars Lane
Piscataway, N.J.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 7:45 am, with a continental breakfast to follow. The meeting starts at 9:00 am sharp. All Grand Knights are requested to attend this meeting.

STATE COUNCIL OFFICER NOMINATIONS 2015 – 2016

The nominating committee of the State Council have recommended the following men as State officers:

STATE DEPUTY –
Bruce E. De Molli, KSG

STATE SECRETARY –
Robert E. Hatler

STATE TREASURER –
Vincent P. Tavormina

STATE ADVOCATE –
James E. Stoever

STATE WARDEN –
Raymond Sands

The election of State Officers will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the State Convention in Wildwood, NJ.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time. also.

Culture of Life Corner

With the New Year comes new opportunities to promote the Culture of Life. Hopefully, members of your council are planning to take the trip to Washington for the March for Life on January 22. If you are not sponsoring a bus, there is information on the State Council website that may help you find one leaving from your area - [LINK](#). Be sure to check it out. If you can't do that, then plan to attend the Rally for Life in Trenton organized by New Jersey right to life. Details can be found on their website through this [LINK](#).

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!

We also have a couple of programs coming up in February. First, on Ash Wednesday, February 18, we have our second Turn Off the TV day. Let's let the networks know how much we disapprove of their inappropriate programming by not only turning off our TVs on that day, but by writing letters to them to let them know how we feel. Be sure to get started planning now, and get your parish involved! All the resources you need to do this are on the State Council website at this [LINK](#).

Second, we have our Polar Bear Plunge on February 21 in Seaside Heights. Our own Polar Penguins are working to raise \$30,000 this year through the participation of 50 Brother Knights. Unfortunately, at this point, we have raised less than \$5,000 and have less than 20 participants. We need your help to make this work. Please go to this [LINK](#) to join the team or make a donation by sponsoring a participant.

Is there a Pro-Life warrior in your council? If so, you should consider nominating him for the ACE Wings for Life. This pin is a great way to recognize one of your members for his consistent dedication to bringing about a culture of life. If you have a member who has participated in at least five pro-life programs this Columbian year, you should fill out the nomination form found at this [LINK](#), and send it to chairman Joe Olivo. Recipients will receive their pin on the Friday afternoon of the state convention.

Do you have a Truth Booth card in your wallet? Do you have a good supply of them when you hold a life chain? If not, you should. Please order a supply of cards through this [LINK](#) and make them available to your members for distribution as needed. These cards bring ultrasound images to expectant mothers, and can save lives!

I saw outside my supermarket the other day two brother knights collecting money for the Alzheimer's drive. If your council has not already, please participate in this program to help support respite care people who are often family members caring for a loved one with this terrible disease. If you have participated, please be sure to fill out the reporting form at this [LINK](#).

Vivat Jesus!

Steven J. Richardson, FM
Culture of Life Programs Director



The Bulletin Board

SCHEDULED DEGREES




[LINK](#)  individual councils below for

DEGREE: LINK , LOCATION & DATE:

CAMDEN:

Second [Council 3512](#)  Tues. Jan. 6
 Third [Council 1443](#)  Fri. Jan. 16
 First [Council 7463](#)  Fri. Jan. 19
 First [Council 6364](#)  Mon. Jan. 26
 First [Council 1443](#)  Mon. Feb. 2
 First [Council 7463](#)  Mon. Feb. 16

METUCHEN:

Second [Council 8478](#)  Tues. Jan. 6
 First & Second [Council 11409](#)  Mon. Jan. 19
 First [Council 13264](#)  Mon. Feb. 23




NEWARK:

First [Council 371](#)  Mon. Jan. 19
 First [Council 3632](#)  Thurs. Jan. 22
 Second [Council 2586](#)  Wed. Jan. 21
 Third [Council 371](#)  Fri. Jan. 23
 Third [Council 2853](#)  Fri. Jan. 30
 Second [Council 1345](#)  Fri. Feb. 27

PATERSON:

First [Council 359](#)  Fri. Jan. 9
 Third [Council 6354](#)  Sun. Feb. 15

TRENTON:

Second [Council 6213](#)  Wed. Jan. 7
 First [Council 3826](#)  Mon. Jan. 19
 Third [Council 1672](#)  Fri. Jan. 9

[All Website Schedules](#) 



*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>CHARTERED</u>	<u>YRS</u>
299 San Salvador Perth Amboy	1-23-1898	117
402 Our Lady of Grace Harrison	1-22-1899	116
552 Watchung Plainfield	1-09-1901	114
835 Belleville Belleville	1-25-1904	111
836 Msgr. John F. Baldwin Brick	1-10-1904	111
1082 Mooretown Moorestown	1-29-1906	109
10220 St. Joseph Somers Point	1-04-1990	25

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.]

General Agents Report

There's no time like the present.....

Every council wants to earn Star Council. (You don't win Star, you earn it).....

We all know that there are three benchmarks that need to be hit.

1. Programs that make you relevant in your parish and in your community
2. Membership growth
3. Insurance Promotion

At the mid-year Grand Knights meetings you will learn a great deal that will help you with the first two, so please let me focus on the 3rd component that needs to be "earned". Insurance Promotion, or hitting your insurance quota. This is perhaps the least understood and the hardest to understand, but in essence it comes down to this.....meet with your agent.

Your agent can not fulfill Fr. McGivney's dream that no Catholic family suffer financially from the loss of a loved one if you don't meet with him. To earn Star Council the agent must write insurance on a defined number of members who do not own a product from the Knights of Columbus that insures that member's life.

The agent must meet with the members and their spouses to first find out what the family needs. Not every family needs life insurance. Some need disability insurance, some need long term care and others need to save more for retirement through our annuity program. Each family is different and there is no one size fits all answer or product that we can just do.

Fr. McGivney's dream was that the Order would make sure families were protected. It is the job of the agent to work with the member (and his spouse) to find the "need" and provide solutions that make sense for the member and his family. We don't peddle policies, we help the member plan out a strategy and program that will take care of the family in the short term and long term.

That is why we try to meet with all of our assigned families on a regular basis. Life happens, things change and there is not time like the present to get started protecting your family and helping your council "earn" Star.

May the New Year bring each of you happiness, health and prosperity.

Charles Miraglia



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.

2015

January 10 - Grand Knights Meeting

January 20 - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

January 31 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Due - [FORM](#)

February 1 - Emergency Care Service Award - [FORM](#)

February 1 - Senior Citizen of the Year - [FORM](#)

February 1 - Shield Award – Firefighter - [FORM](#)

February 1 - Shield Award – Police - [FORM](#)

February 1 - Habitat for Humanity - [FORM](#)

February 15 – Semi-Annual Council Audit - [FORM](#)

February 20 - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

March 1 – Bishop Dougherty Scholarship-[Application](#), [Records](#), [Pledge Form](#)

March 1 - Fr. John Murray Scholarship – [Application](#), [Pledge Form](#)

March 1 - John Attardo Memorial Scholarship – [Application](#), [Pledge Form](#)

March 20 - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

March 31 - Check Website for Various Activities - [Form/LINK](#)

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



JANUARY 2015						
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