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State Deputy's Message



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State Deputy



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Brothers,

We are beginning a new Columbian year, and at the outset, I would like to congratulate all newly elected and re-elected Grand Knights. You can be assured your state officers and our membership and program teams are here to assist you. Also avail yourselves of the experience of your assigned District Deputy and your insurance agent.

Please also inquire of your pastor what your council can do to assist him in any projects, short range, over the summer months, or long range over the next twelve months. Also ask your pastor if he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. If not, would he be interested in joining.

I would like you to take advantage of the opportunities to seek new membership over the summer months. Remember membership opportunities are with us all the days of the month. Membership opportunities are with us 365 days of the year.

Be prepared with council informational flyers and membership applications at the upcoming parish and council picnics. The same can apply at the community swimming pool, or on vacation at the seashore or mountain retreats from summer heat.

I and my fellow State Officers are looking forward to working with all of you, the council leaders, as we continue our efforts to grow the Order of the Knights of Columbus here in New Jersey, so that we may continue with renewed vigor and larger numbers to Proclaim and Defend our Faith.

Vivat Jesus!

Andy Lipenta



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IT'S TIME FOR FAMILY!



As vacation time approaches, it is a good opportunity to **spend some quality time** with the family and the **loved ones that let us do what we do** for the Knights of Columbus. It is time to let them know that the support they give us is important and we could not be successful and accomplish what we do without them.

Whether you have a leadership role in the K of C or you are an active council member, chances are there is a very loving and supportive family behind you. So, the **newsletter staff orders you to take a break**, go on vacation and give them some of your undivided attention. And then, as they say in the South, **"Y'all come back now, ya-hear?"**



In October of last year **Pope Francis** preached about the importance of gratitude and thankfulness for family life. **"Saying 'thank you' is such an easy thing, and yet so hard!"** his homily continued; **"How often do we say 'thank you' to one another in our families? These are essential words for our life in common."**

"If families can say these three things, they will be fine. 'Sorry,' 'excuse me,' 'thank you.' How often do we say 'thank you' in our families? How often do we say 'thank you' to those who help us, those close to us, those at our side throughout life? All too often we take everything for granted!" There you have it, the Pope himself is telling you to say thanks to your family. We greatly appreciate and respect his insight and input on this subject.

We are not trying to minimize the sincerity of this message with the tiny bit of levity used. We just like to deliver our reporting on the lighter side or what we here in the "newsroom" call the **"reader friendly"** way. So, saying that, this message is really a serious one. We encourage you to show thanks to your loved ones so that we can continue to have you with us to do what you do for the Knights of Columbus. Sometimes it is hard getting new members, so we have to retain the ones we already have. We are very well aware that it is your loved ones that let us borrow you. So while you are at it, **give them a big hug and thank you for us!**

Enjoy your vacation, enjoy your summer and enjoy your family and loved ones. After you have finished taking your vacation and your well-earned break, your brothers at the New Jersey State Council and at your own council will be waiting to welcome you back with open arms. Thank you for what you do!



Have a great summer!

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Program Corner

Greetings from the flatlands down Jersey!

First, let me congratulate all of the new Grand Knights, Council Officers, and District Deputies on their recent elections and appointments to their offices! **Thank you**, one and all, for **taking a step out of the many into a leadership role** in our Order. We need gentlemen of your distinction and character!

I am looking forward to the excitement and challenges ahead for all of us in the new Columbian year. We have significant responsibility in promoting programs as a means of **living the new evangelization**, becoming the center of parish activity, and as a vehicle for **recruitment and retention**.

Through my own time and experience, I have learned that, without a doubt, participation in our service programs is what calls us to join and keeps us part of the Knights. Programs are the very reason for the council's existence. They are a source of **honor, pride, membership, and reputation** for accomplishing good by living as Christ has beckoned us to live. They are especially important on many levels—most notably, the spiritual and the temporal. **The Gospel calls us to live our lives as practical Catholics**, and the late **Pope John Paul II** both encouraged and challenged



us to **“live the new evangelization.”** Our service programs are based on Catholicism and the principles of our Order. By participating in and advocating these activities, we can work toward our callings to achieve

our spiritual aspirations and give glory to God in the temporal plane. We become his hand in “miracles” here on earth. We can also better **proclaim and defend our faith** through our service programs in our Church, community, council, family, and youth.

It was a pleasure getting together at the Grand Knights' meeting and offering you our plan to achieve this year's service program's goals. Best of all was to introduce the new Soccer Challenge organizational format, the State Dominoes Tournament, and the restructuring of US Citizenship under **Dan Farrell** and Foster Child Assistance under **Ron Hall**.

Our **July considerations** should be: an organizational meeting with your chairmen to develop a calendar and service program goals, the **Soccer Challenge**, the **State Dominoes Tournament**, **Coats for Kids**, **Food for Families**, and **Keep Christ in Christmas**. We need to think three months out for planning and a month out for organizing so that we can finally, successfully, execute the program(s).

Let us, together, do our best and develop a calendar of programs with the tools supplied by our State Council and Supreme. Let us **also have fun** in doing **God's** work and bringing other like-minded Catholic men into our Order. **Vivat Jesus!**

Yours in friendship and fraternity,



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The “Editor’s” Page – Editorial Commentary



The Importance of Planning and Prioritizing

By Bro. Walter F. Marino, Staff Writer



plan (plān) *n.*

1. A scheme, program, or method worked out beforehand for the accomplishment of an objective: a plan of attack.

Planning [also called **forethought**] is the process of thinking about and organizing the activities required to **achieve desired goals**.



Here in the Knights of Columbus, **planning is a function of our leaders**, who are concerned with defining the path for New Jersey’s future direction and determining what is needed to achieve our Council and State Council **targeted goals**. As we begin a new Columbian year, let’s **ALL** get together and look at why we need to start planning **NOW**, especially if you haven’t already done so. **Why plan you ask?**


Planning increases the efficiency of our State Council and your local council:

- It facilitates proper **coordination** within State and local Council staff;
- It aids in organizing all available **resources**;
- It gives our organization the right **direction** to take;
- It helps to achieve our **objectives**;
- It **motivates** the Officers and members; and
- It encourages **creativity and innovation** amongst our leaders.

The concept of planning is to identify what we want to accomplish by **asking ourselves the following four questions**, which are **“Where are we today? Where are we going? Where do we want to go? How are we going to get there?...”** Planning is the most important part of the formula to help us answer these questions.

Some of you say, **“I don’t have time to do any planning,”** or **“Things change too much to plan!”** But the fact is: research shows that **for every 1 minute you spend in planning, you will gain 10 in execution**. 1 minute = 10 minutes. 10 minutes = 1 hour and 40 minutes! This may seem amazing because you may feel like you are already doing all you can each day! Okay, let’s do the math. If you could just gain an extra half-hour a day through **effective time management**, you would have 22 more days available to you per year.

Planning and prioritizing will without question keep you **“On Target”** in achieving your goals and objectives. **Abraham Lincoln** reportedly once said, **“If I had 60 minutes to cut down a tree, I would spend 40 minutes sharpening the ax and 20 minutes cutting it down.”**

In conclusion; you have to **take time to make time**. Planning is the difference between being **REACTIVE** and **PROACTIVE**. When you don’t plan, you end up responding to events as they occur. **So, I ask you.....** 

[Some views expressed here are solely those of the writer and not necessarily of the NJ State Council.]



Coming up in Next Month’s Edition – **“What Does the K of C Do for Me?”**

Membership Corner

Brothers,

Let's start the New Year off strong! The "**Summer Three for All**" program is a great way to motivate your council and the recruiters in your council. This membership program is open to all members in New Jersey who sponsor, at least, three new members from **July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014**. All that is needed is for the Grand Knight to submit a copy to me of the three Form 100s that were sent to Supreme. Each member in return will receive a New Jersey State Council "Summer Three for All" gold shirt! **We will reward each proposer who recruits three members in June, July, August and September** for his extra effort to grow our Order!

In addition, each **Grand Knight** who holds at least **3 First Degrees from July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014** will also receive that same type of shirt as a reward. For the Grand Knight to receive a shirt, he must let his District Deputy know that the First Degrees were held. The District Deputy will in turn fill out his District Deputy Degree Exemplification Report Form 450 and send a copy to Supreme, to the State Council, to the Membership Program Director and keep a copy for himself. **The deadline for the final submission for these programs is October 7, 2014.**

Vivat Jesus!

John Erwin, FDD
State Membership Director



The McGivney Prayer



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, **Father Michael J. McGivney,**

to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*).

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**SUBSCRIBE YOUR
 NEW MEMBERS NOW!**

Culture of Life Corner

Brothers:

We stand now at the beginning of a new Columbian Year. This is an opportunity to start afresh and look for ways to do an even better job of **re-establishing a Culture of Life by Proclaiming and Defending Our Faith**. I just hope that you do not delay in starting to do so during the summer months.

I realize that **many councils either shut down completely in July and August or meet less frequently**. If this is something your council does, **please consider not doing so this year**. Our Churches are open all year, our priests are working hard, and they need our help. If they do not take a vacation from charitable works, why should we?

We have had a great start for the **Disabilities Drive** this year, which kicked off with a bang in April. I am pleased to report that we have already **raised \$249,592.90** with only 91 councils participating. This comes down to a little more than \$2,700 per council! We need another big push this summer from our councils in shore communities to get another big hit like the one in April. From Sandy Hook to Cape May, let's get out there and get those donations from the shoobies! If they have money for Skee-Ball, they have money to help the disabled! We are a quarter of the way through the year, and a quarter of the way towards our **\$1 million goal!**

The summer is also a great time to **plan some fundraisers for life**. Hold a rose sale at your parish. If you do it now, you can hold another on in November and December for money to defray the cost of busses for your march on Washington. Plan a **Baby Bottle Boomerang** to raise money for **Pregnant Women in Crisis! Brother Tony Bernice** tells me that there has been a significant drop in donations in the last year or two. These crisis centers need our help, so let's redouble our efforts!

How about raising money by making a personal statement about your pro-life beliefs by getting a **Choose Life license plate** for your car? Support the **Children First Foundation** and get more information through this [LINK](#) on how to apply for this plate. This does involve a commitment to make a donation of \$25 every year, but \$20 of that goes to help fund 66 **Pregnancy Resource Centers** and **Maternity Homes** throughout our state as well as non-profit **Safe Haven** efforts.

Finally, we must continue to speak out on pro-life issues, especially on all that is happening with the **"New Jersey Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act,"** formerly known as the **"Death with Dignity Act."** Unfortunately, euthanasia by any other name is still murder! We need more people to participate in **Our Catholic Voice in the Media** and write letters to the newspapers. If you or someone in your council is interested in helping, **contact Ron Prykanowski** at ourcatholicvoice@njkofc.org.

Remember that in Unity there is no limit to the miracles that we can accomplish! Let's get to work!

Vivat Jesus!

Steven J. Richardson, FM
Culture of Life Programs Director



Annual State Deputy's Meeting



State leaders from across three continents gathered in New Haven, Conn., for the annual **Organizational Meeting of Knights of Columbus State Deputies** held on June 11-15.

The five-day meeting began with an evening dinner banquet, where state deputies and their wives shared food and conversation with their colleagues from around the globe. During this event, **Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** addressed the gathering on the new and unique opportunities facing the state leaders in the upcoming year.

Over the course of the five days, the state deputies worked, learned and prayed together, enjoying a full program of talks, workshops and special Masses.

Along with the various workshops, and presentations, the state leaders came together for social and religious events, including the celebration of **Mass at St. Mary's Church by Supreme**



Chaplain Archbishop William Lori.

We look forward to following and supporting our very own State Deputy, Andrew Lipenta, as he prepares to lead us in his second Columbian year using the newly acquired knowledge and insights he has brought home with him.



Installation of State Officers

On **July 12th**, at **St. Peter's Church** in *Merchantville*, the **Installation Mass** for our Chaplains, newly elected State Officers and the appointed District Deputies will be held. If you're in the area, why not attend 10:00 AM mass.



43 W Maple Avenue
Merchantville, NJ 08109

[DIRECTIONS: LINK](#)

The Officers for the 2014 – 2015 Columbian year are:

Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell, DD
State Chaplain

Msgr. Michael T. Mannion, S.T.L., M.A.
Associate State Chaplain



Andrew E. Lipenta - *State Deputy*
Bruce E. De Molli - *State Secretary*
Robert E. Hatler - *State Treasurer*
Vincent P. Tavormina - *State Advocate*
James E. Stoever - *State Warden*



Merchandise Raffle Results

The New Jersey State Council expresses its' gratitude to all the brothers who purchased "Merchandise Raffle" tickets to help defray the cost of this year's State Convention expenses.

~ **The FIRST PRIZE** ~

50" SAMSUNG FLAT SCREEN TV

~ **WINNER** ~



Brother **DAVE IDANK**, Council #6201 [right]
Jackson, NJ

~ **The SECOND PRIZE** ~

CANNON DIGITAL CAMERA

~ **WINNER** ~



Brother **PETER CRICHTON**, Council #783 [right]
Berkley Heights, NJ

~ **The THIRD PRIZE** ~

\$100.00 P. C. RICHARDS GIFT CARD



~ **WINNER** ~

PAUL FOURNIER
Colts Neck, NJ

**Joseph A. Orosz, DD &
Joseph M. Orosz, FDD**
Co-Chairmen

132nd Supreme Convention



To be held August 5 – 7, 2014

Orlando World Center Marriott Hotel
Orlando, Florida



Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight



Thanks to the overwhelming response the Newsletter Staff received at our State Convention, we are happy to report that our **direct mailing circulation** has increased to over **5,000 subscribers**. We have conservatively approximated an additional 1,000 as a result of reforwarding by councils. **That puts us at at least 6,000**. We are most assuredly on our way to surpassing our projected 2015 goal!!!

[See "Attention" on Page 9]

Thankyou!

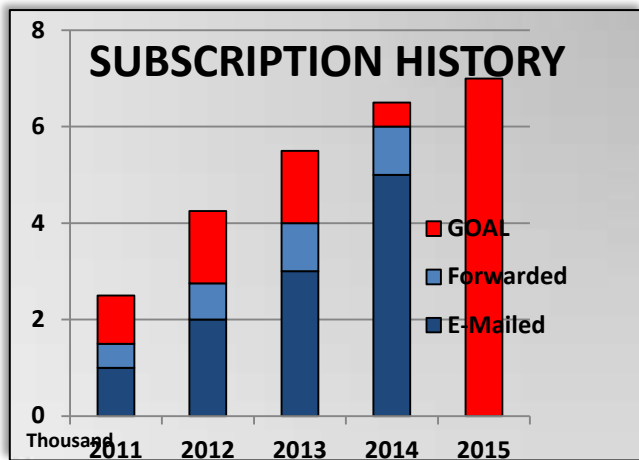


GRAND KNIGHTS & NEWSLETTER EDITORS

The Newsletter Staff is requesting your help in assisting us to accumulate some accurate statistical data.

We learned at the Convention that many councils are, as we have strongly encouraged, forwarding the monthly issues of the State Council E-newsletter to their membership.

We are endeavoring to get a true fix on our actual circulation. So, far we have given that figure a very conservative approximation [we added 10% of all councils with an estimated forwarding to 50 members, to the total].



We would greatly appreciate it if you could e-mail the following information to us at:

e-newsletter@njkofc.org

- Your Council Number and,
- # of members you forward to.

In addition, if you would like us to directly forward the state newsletter to them on your behalf, you can also supply us with the list of names, including the Council number and their email addresses. Or if you are not forwarding at this time, let your members know they can sign up individually on our website.

Thank you for assisting us!



Independence Day



In 1775, people in New England began fighting the British for their independence. On July 2, 1776, the Congress

secretly voted for independence from Great Britain. **The Declaration of Independence** was first published two days later on **July 4, 1776**. The first public reading of the Declaration was on July 8, 1776. Delegates began to sign it on August 2, 1776.



The first description of how **Independence Day** would be celebrated was in a letter from John Adams to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. He described "*pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations*" throughout the United States. However, the term "Independence Day" was not used until 1791.

Interestingly, **Thomas Jefferson and John Adams**, both signers of the Declaration of Independence and presidents of the United States, died on July 4, 1826 – exactly fifty 50 years after the adoption of the declaration.



Happy Birthday America!



Celebrating Anniversaries this Month



COUNCIL

CHARTER DATE

YEARS

240 – PATERSON, West Paterson

July 11, 1897

117

359 – GEORGE WASHINGTON, Morristown

July 18, 1898

116

783 – SUMMIT, Berkley Heights

July 8, 1903

111

1446 – RAHWAY, Rahway

July 15, 1906

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1432 – SOMERVILLE, Somerville

July 4, 1909

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1436 – ST. JOHN NEUMANN, Delran

July 25, 1909

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The State Deputy Andrew Lipenta, along with his Officers, Directors and the Newsletter Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Congratulations and best wishes on their Charter Anniversary. May your council and ALL councils throughout our State continue to grow and do good deeds for many more years to come! Let's continue to ***"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 exactly celebrating their 25th, 50th, 75th and 100th (and over) Anniversary during the month.]

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.

- July 1 ~ Religious & Civil Rights Representative [LINK](#)
- July 1 ~ Culture of Life Representative [LINK](#)
- July 1 ~ Officers Chosen for Term [LINK](#) [FORM 185](#)
- July 12 ~ Installation of State Officers & DD's
- July 20 ~ *Newsletter Article Submission Deadline*

- August 1 ~ Program Personnel [LINK](#) [FORM365](#)
- August 5-7 ~ 132nd Supreme Convention, Orlando, Florida
- August 15 ~ Semi-Annual Council [Audit](#)
- August 15 ~ Soccer Challenge Kit Order [Form](#)
- August 20 ~ *Newsletter Article Submission Deadline*

- September 1 ~ Essay Contest [Form](#)
- September 1 ~ Poster Contest [Form](#)

September 20 ~ *Newsletter Article Submission Deadline*

Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to all your council members.



Reading is not merely a leisure-time activity. It is a necessity for human progress and development. Reading expands your breadth of awareness, and depth of understanding.

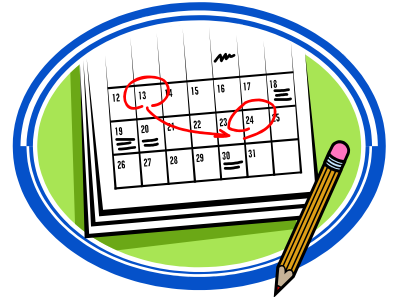
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CHECK for "Summary of Forms & Deadlines"



Quarterly Calendar



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