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State Deputy's Message



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State Deputy



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Brothers,

Every year on July 1, we begin again. That means the incoming Council officers and District Deputies have a new year to improve on the accomplishments and goals of the previous year. This means that each member, every council, every Grand Knight and every District Deputy has the opportunity to capitalize on attaining new goals and achievements for the coming year.

It takes planning, organizing and placing people in the right positions to be successful. Training is the key and all councils are encouraged to begin this training in September through their Regional Training and Development Coordinators. More information and dates will be available for the Diocesan training.

As mentioned at the Grand Knight's meeting held in June the incentive program for 2015-2016 will continue into 2016-2017.

Again to help all Councils grow the order, beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 a Council that recruits new members less suspensions will receive \$10.00 for that member. (net number) from the New Jersey State Council as a credit on their state per capita bill mailed in July 2017.

Each member that is recruited or reactivated, a copy of the form 100 is to be sent to the State Membership Director, to be entered into a drawing for the proposer to be held at the GK meeting in June.

A District Deputy that achieves Star District for the year (less any inactive council) will receive a \$100.00 gift card.

The Founders Day Awards Dinner will again be held this Columbian year. Each council and District Deputy that has the highest percentage in net gains by council members (size) in each Diocese will be eligible for a plaque and dinner. Any District Deputy that re-activates a council will also be eligible for the award. This incentive will begin July 1 to March 29 (Founder's Day).

The 2016-2017 Columbian year should again be a year of growth and success for every council in the State of New Jersey. Our program and membership teams are ready to help. Success can be achieved, failure should not be an option.

Have a great year and let us to continue "**Protecting God's Kingdom**" by our actions, words and deeds.

Vivat Jesus, [Bruce De Molli](#), KSG, State Deputy



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK *by John A Gazis, FDD*

My Brother Knights,

It's hard to believe July is here already, 12 months since I started editing this newsletter, trying to make it both informative and interesting. I hope I have achieved at least one of these objectives in your opinion. Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to the members of your Council each and every month.

To the returning Grand Knights, as well as the incoming Grand Knights, congratulations on being elected to the Office of Grand Knight. You will find that this will be one of the more rewarding positions in the Order. You will be guiding your Council to new heights and hopefully grooming some new members to take an active role in the Council.

I am sure you have a full schedule of events to keep your Council active throughout the summer, and into the fall. I am also sure that you will set aside some time for your family, your friends and yourself.

I know some of you are asking what does he mean by the "time for yourself" comment. I think we all need what I call "me time". For some it's a walk on the beach or a hike in the woods. For others it could be a round of golf (it could be miniature golf, lol). Or you could just sit somewhere, quiet, by yourself and take time to reflect on the people and things that mean the most in your life, your wife, your children, your parents and siblings, your Faith, your friends, your occupation.

Please remember to proudly fly your American Flag on the upcoming holidays, Independence Day and Labor Day. I would hope you fly your Flag every day of the year, but especially on these major holidays.

[John A Gazis, FDD](#) Newsletter Editor



Culture of Life Corner

Brothers:

Every July 1, we have the opportunity to start fresh in our efforts to re-establishing a Culture of Life. It is also a good time to look back at what you did last year to see what worked and what didn't, so you can tweak your goals and programs for even greater results. So I wanted to give you a few suggestions on how to do that.

First, make sure that your council's leadership is in place. Name a Respect Life Chairman for your council, and send his information in to the State Council. The form can be found at this [LINK](#). To strengthen your Catholic Citizenship efforts, you should also have an R&C Chairman. Let us know who he is at this [LINK](#). Keep in mind that by informing us of these chairmen, you make it easier for us to get to you the information you need to succeed in this area. Please make this one of the first things you do.

Second, start planning your fundraising for the year. Many of our programs involve donations, so the earlier you start raising the money the better. October is Respect Life Month, and Sunday, October 2nd, is Respect Life Sunday. Make your plans now for a Rose Sale or a Baby Bottle Boomerang to raise funds for the Respect Life causes supported by your council. See the Grand Knight's handbook for details.

Third, you could plan participation in one of our new programs: Spiritual Adoption and the 20/20 Project. The details are in Section 10 of the Grand Knight's Manual. These new programs make our Culture of Life mission more comprehensive, as we address more needs.

Our Spiritual Adoption program is a great way to get your parish focused on pro-life and the choice for life by having parishioners pledge to pray for an unborn child for nine months in the hopes that the mother will choose life. Since the 9 months ends with a baby shower, it is also a good way to support your parish's virtual baby shower if it has one. Get the details on how to run one from the Grand Knight's Manual on pp. 10-40, 41 and from www.prolife.njkofo.org.

The 20/20 Project is also a great way to win a major battle against abortion through prayer and acts of Catholic Citizenship. We need to push the passage of the Pain-Capable Child Protection Act in New Jersey by the year 2020 to ban abortions past the 20th week of pregnancy. Get your council involved through the scheduling of a Mass in your parish for the "Protection of Babies in the Womb and Their Families," the displaying of the car magnet on their vehicles, and the lobbying of their elected representatives for passage of the bill. Details are on pp. 10-42, 43.

With a good game plan for the year, there is nothing we cannot accomplish in the cause for life! Let's get to work!

Vivat Jesus!

[Steven J. Richardson, FM](#)



Culture of Life

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAM OF THE MONTH

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY



This program's objective is to collect eyeglasses in any condition - new, used, broken- send them to New Eyes for where they will be repaired and distributed. Start now brothers! Set up containers in churches, council homes and public places. Visit your local optician or optometrist and ask for old or used glasses or frames.

Send the glasses with a cover letter on your council's indicating how many glasses are enclosed to:

New Eyes for the Needy, Inc.
549 Millburn Avenue
Short Hills, NJ, 07078

New Eyes for the Needy also accepts contributions of watches, silver and gold jewelry (even bits and pieces, such as a single cuff link or earring), silverware and giftware, costume jewelry, dentures with gold inlays, and hearing aids.

In order for your council to receive credit at the State Convention the New Eyes for the Needy online reporting form **MUST** be filled out. This is available on for regular on-line reporting. With each shipment of glasses, complete the online form so as to maintain an accurate accounting A sample copy is in the Grand Knights Manual, given to the incoming Grand Knights at the June 25th Meeting. The information can be found listed under "Community Activities"

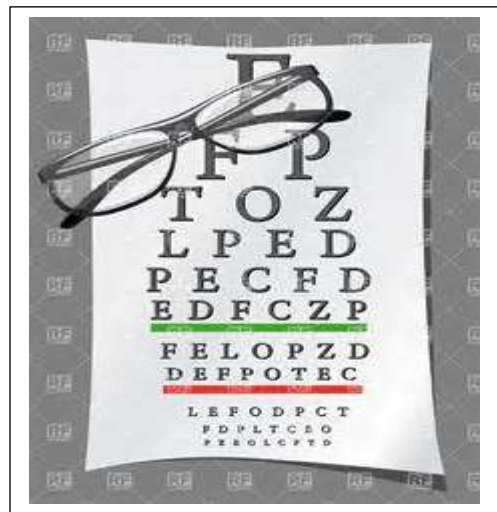
Appointing a member who has recently joined the Council the position of chairman of the committee is a good way to get him active and involved.

Remember these words: The eye is the most precious and useful organ of the human body. It is indeed a masterpiece of God's handiwork; let's help those who need glasses to aid their eyesight.

Any questions or concerns regarding this program can be directed to:

[Richard Connor, FDD](#)

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Special Programs Corner

Good Day Good People,

And so we begin another Columbian year. We are very excited about the programs that are available for this coming year, especially two new programs; Autism Awareness and Support, and the Organ Donor Program.

You may not be aware that Autism is the fastest growing disability in this country with one in 68 children born with some type of autism, and the highest ranking state is New Jersey with one in 41. Gentlemen, they desperately need our support. These families struggle with trying to understand their child's needs. They struggle with school systems that don't understand their special learning needs, and with a general public that thinks they don't know how to discipline their child. Most of these children are highly intelligent, but for some reason God has wired their thought processes differently. The State Council is asking you to support "Parents of Autistic Children" (POAC.org). POAC's mission is to improve the lives of children and adults with autism by providing scientifically-based training to parents, teachers, and other direct service providers. POAC supports ongoing quality research on the causes of autism, its symptoms, prevention, and a potential cure. In addition, POAC provides free recreational events for children and adults with autism and their siblings throughout the year. The safety of children and adults with Autism has been and continues to be a primary concern and top priority at POAC. They are pioneers in safety training for police, fire fighters, and EMTs, and provide training to first responders from every New Jersey County. Contact [Bernie Ernst, FDD](#) for more information.

How many of you know someone who is the recipient of a life-saving organ? Be it a heart, liver, kidney or lung that is now keeping them alive. Or maybe it was a cornea transplant that now allows them to see the face of their child or grandchild. It is a beautiful thing that God has given the wisdom and talent to gifted doctors to perform these miracles. But God has also given us the ability to share in those miracles. When we pass on to our reward, we have no need for the tabernacle that has carried our soul. Why not allow someone else to use whatever parts are needed to make their life better. The person whose life you save may have even sat across the table from you at some point in your life. For more information, contact [Greg Ryan](#) or [Phil Fredericks, PGK](#) or by registering on-line at www.registerme.org/knights.



Please continue to pray for persecuted Christians!

Peace and Goodness, Vivat Jesus,
[Joseph D. Wickham, OFS, FDD](#),

Director of Special Programs

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Brothers

Thank you for a GREAT year. For the new Grand Knights and District Deputies I think if we work a little harder we can do better.

Founders Day was a huge success and I've listed the winners below

Council Winners

Newark

Size Category	Council No	Council Location	Mar 31 %	April Susp
< 75 total members	15958	North Bergen	26.47	0
76 to 125	10563	Seton Hall	13.48	0
126 to 200	5730	Scotch Plains	13.93	0
201 to 325	475	Jersey City	10.00	0
326 and above	5560	Springfield	3.99	0

Trenton

Size Category	Council No	Council Location	Mar 31 %	April Susp
< 75 total members	12232	Keyport	34.78	0
76 to 125	636	Princeton	13.64	0
126 to 200	7333	Allentown	9.76	0
201 to 325	8603	Bayville	10.49	0
326 and above	3826	Beach Haven	5.48	1

Paterson

Size Category	Council No	Council Location	Mar 31 %	April Susp
< 75 total members	-----	-----	-----	
76 to 125	14493	Kinnelon	5.60	0
126 to 200	2248	Madison	7.01	0
201 to 325	3801	Pompton Lakes	8.56	0
326 and above	359	Morristown	2.43	4

Camden

Size Category	Council No	Council Location	Mar 31 %	April Susp
< 75 total members	1910	Bridgeton	10.61	0
76 to 125	12092	Bellmawr	6.02	0
126 to 200	7020	Brigantine	5.26	0
“ “ “	2560	Ocean City	5.26	0
201 to 325	6735	Merchantville	4.03	0
326 and above	1443	Haddon Twp	2.65	0

Metuchen

Size Category	Council No	Council Location	Mar 31 %	April Susp
< 75 total members	14675	Watchung	9.86	0
76 to 125	11017	Piscataway	9.78	0
126 to 200	6411	New Brunswick	5.43	0
201 to 325	11873	East Brunswick	3.41	0
326 and above	299	Perth Amboy	2.22	0

District Deputy Winners

Diocese	DD Number	DD Name	Percentage
Newark	4	Paul Pinkman	9.61
Trenton	25	Paul Donini	5.84
Paterson	43	David Coppola	4.27
Camden	53	Joseph Williams	3.11
Metuchen	63	Scott Williams	2.54
Metuchen	69	Christopher Duffett	2.57

INSURANCE MATTERS

Tempus Fugit versus the what's in it for me generation

My son graduated from College in May and started his first job in June. The day before he started he approached me and said, "Dad, you take care of family's financial "stuff", right?" I answered yes. He said, "Can you help me." So, when he got his benefit package from his employer, we sat together and went over his options. Funny, but it seems like it was only yesterday we were visiting colleges. And only a moment or two before that, when he and his twin sister were off to kindergarten. I remember the day they were born like it was yesterday.

Time flies, in the blink of an eye I have gone from the proud new father of twin infants, to the proud father of two college graduates, one gainfully employed and the other going to the grad school of her choice in the fall. I owe so much to the Knights of Columbus insurance agent who met with me shortly after the twins were born and worked out with my wife and I a plan, that would make sure my family was covered short term and long term.

But, back to my son. We went over his package and talked about planning for retirement. Planning his budget and what his goals are for the next five years and long term. We talked about what is important to him and we went over potential obstacles. He is a planner and is much more disciplined than I ever was, so I am confident that he will make sure that he and his future family are secure financially.

He was amazed though that over 40% of Americans rely on Social Security for their main source of retirement funds. The average SS benefit is \$1237 per month. A husband and wife would have to be able to live on \$2500 or so a month, plus their savings.

Then we went over that fact that 50% of Americans who plan to retire this year have less than \$100,000 saved for their retirement. Many are planning to sell their primary homes and bank money from the sale of the house, BUT, in most of New Jersey the market for homes has not fully rebounded from the 2008 drop in prices. Eight or nine years later homes are still selling for 10% less than they did in 2007. What if home prices go down again? What if the stock market tumbles again? Can you afford a drop of 20% in stock prices? Can you afford a drop of 15% in home prices, when you want to cash out?

The Knights of Columbus can give you options that will help make your retirement more comfortable. It may take a little sacrifice now. It may take a little self-discipline now, but our parents were the greatest generation who overcame the depression and The War. They rebuilt this country and in the fifties and sixties, their work ethic made our economy the envy of the entire world. What is the legacy of the baby boomers? Are we to be remembered as the generation that squandered our inheritance and mortgaged the future so badly that our kids and grandkids will have to foot the bill?

It's time for us to take responsibility for ourselves and our families. It's time for us to make sacrifices like our parents did, so that we leave our kids better off than we were. Meet with your agent as soon as possible and find out where you stand, so you can start, (if you haven't already), making sure your family is safe and secure. It's too late to start now and have a different beginning, but we can start now and make a different ending. We have to, for our kids and our kids' kids. Protecting Catholic families since 1882.

[Charles Miraglia, General Agent.](#)



GENERAL PROGRAMS CORNER

Brothers,

Welcome to the new Columbian year of 2016-17. First, let me congratulate all of the new council officers and District Deputies on their recent election and appointment to their office! Thank you, one and all, for taking a step out of the many and into a leadership role in our Order. We need gentlemen of your distinction and character.

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

Ask any active member and he will tell you the reason he stays active is he enjoys the fraternity and working on one or more Council programs. The goodness one feels as well as the fraternity created, is the cornerstone to a successful activity and Council. Participation in our service programs is what calls us to join and keeps us part of the Knights. Service programs are the very reason for the council's existence. They are the 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. The Gospel calls us to live our lives as practical Catholics, and the late Saint 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 and advocating for our council members to participate in such activities, we can work toward our callings to achieve our spiritual aspirations and give glory to God. We can also better "*Protect God's Kingdom*" through our service programs in our Church, community, council, family, and youth.

A new program that the Knights of Columbus is particularly proud of and helps support our living the new evangelization is "Building the Domestic Church". This program is Supreme's strategic plan for a renewed closeness between families, Parishes and the Knights. Through the initiative's programs and activities, the Knights of Columbus offers tools and materials which may help families grow and find encouragement they need in raising their families in faith. By building upon long-established programs and developing new ones, the Knights of Columbus hopes to strengthen our parishes and establish our Councils as revitalized centers of lay leadership for the Church. Pope Francis has told us that "Families are the domestic church where Jesus grows; he grows in the love of spouses, he grows in the lives of children". It is our duty and purpose to support the Domestic Church. There will be more to come on the Domestic Church throughout the year, but feel free to visit the Supreme Council's website at www.kofc.org/DomesticChurch for more information.

Our other July considerations should be; an organizational meeting with your chairmen, the Soccer Challenge, Coats for Kids, Food for Families, and Keep Christ in Christmas. We need to think three months out for planning, then a month out for organizing, and then finally executing the program.

Let us, together, do our best to develop a calendar of programs with the tools supplied by our State Council and Supreme. Remember to have fun and work together to "*Protect God's Kingdom*".

Keep the Faith,

[Jim Sweeney, FDD](#)

[NJ State Council General Program Director](#)

"Protecting God's Kingdom"



SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

<u>DEGREE/ DATE</u>	<u>COUNCIL #</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
CAMDEN:		
1 st ~ July 25	Council 6364	Mantua
METUCHEN:		
1 st & 2 nd July 21	Council 2483	Hackettstown
NEWARK:		
2 nd ~ July 13	Council 4486	Park Ridge
2 nd ~ July 13	Council 12769	Secaucus
1 st ~ Aug 28	Council 3550	Ridgefield
PATERSON:		
TRENTON:		
1 st ~ July 6	Council 3402	Keyport
1 st ~ July 7	Council 6520	Medford
1 st ~ July 11	Council 6213	Hamilton

[All Website Schedules](#)

<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>CHARTERED</u>	<u>YRS</u>
1432 ~ Somerville	7/4/1909	107
1994 ~ Woodbury	7/6/1919	97
783 ~ Berkeley Hts	7/8/1903	113
240 ~ Paterson	7/11/1897	119
15540 ~ Three Bridges	7/11/2012	4
1910 ~ Bridgeton	7/14/1918	98
1146 ~ Rahway	7/15/1906	110
3231 ~ Manasquan	7/15/1949	67
359 ~ Morristown	7/18/1898	118
6100 ~ Budd Lake	7/18/1968	48
1984 ~ Palmyra	7/19/1919	97
1436 ~ Riverside	7/25/1909	107
14615 ~ Little Egg Harbor	7/28/2008	8
5170 ~ Washington	7/30/1961	55

State Deputy Bruce DeMolli 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 "**Protecting God's Kingdom!**"

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.]



From our Webmaster

Getting The Jump On Things

Before the last ballot was cast for the new Council and Assembly Officers for Fraternal Year 2016-2017, and before new District Deputies were appointed, your State Officers, Directors and Chairmen were busy formulating plans to for an active and productive new year.

Of course, with Bruce DeMolli returning at the helm as our State Deputy, many of the goals and programs that were successful will be returning, and in keeping with the times and challenges we face as a Catholic, Fraternal organization, new programs are being introduced. The State Council is offering a finely-tuned blend of programs and activities that will help the members achieve the dreams set forth by Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney over 134 years ago.

There is a song by Peter Allen, "Everything old is new again!", which has been applied to a variety of genres, but hardly any application is as long-lived as the Knights of Columbus in reaching out to, and supporting Church, Community, Youth and our fellow members and their families – but they did not have a website (www.njkofo.org) to make life easier for Council Officers.

On June 24-25th the Grand Knights and District Deputies received their individual CD containing the Grand Knights' Handbook. Gone are the days of the 350+ page 3-ring binders. Hopefully, the plastic wrapper was removed and the CD inserted into their computers by nightfall...one can only hope! Someday I am going to insert a code within the text of the Handbook, redeemable for a \$100 gift card, which can only be found by a Grand Knight reading the entire Handbook – beginning-to-end!

In the meantime, EVERY program that the State Council offers is found on that CD; in addition it is available on-line (after logging in) and is available for download as an App. Watch your deadlines!

Go to Members > Forms & Reports > State Council Reporting Forms (and Supreme Council Reporting Forms). Conveniently listed chronologically beginning with July 1st deadlines.

Right out of the gate there are 3 State Council Forms (Religious & Civil Rights Representative, Culture of Life Chairman Appointment and Report of Roundtable Coordinator) and 1 Supreme Council Form (Officers Chosen for Term, completed through Member Management at www.kofo.org).

If you are reading this now, and you have not yet completed these reports, please do so ASAP. Tempus Fugit!

Available on-line and on the CD is an 8 page Table of Contents. While very handy for locating sections, I suggest that you print it out and use it as a checklist as your Fraternal Year progresses.

As an Officer you will receive regular updates via e-mails from the New Jersey State Council. These have been approved by the State Deputy. Please give any e-mail from the State Council your immediate attention.

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PLEASE: Remember to notify us if you change phone numbers, addresses, or e-mail addresses as we also update the State Directory and the mail server.

Vivat Jesus!!!

Bernie Ernst, FDD, New Jersey State Webmaster

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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.

2016

- July 1 - Form 185 due at Supreme
- July 4 - Independence Day – FLY YOUR FLAG
- July 9 - State Installation of Officers
- July 15 – Monthly Reprts Due
- Aug 1 – Form 365 due at Supreme
- Aug 2,3,4 – Supreme Convention – Toronto
- Aug 15 – Semi-Annual Audit due
- Aug 15 – Monthly Reports Due
- Aug 15 - Soccer Challenge Kits Order Form due
- Sept 1 – Essay and Substance Abuse Order Form due
- Sept 5 – Labor Day – FLY YOUR FLAG
- Sept 11 - Day of Remembrance – FLY YOUR FLAG
- Sept 15 – Monthly Reports Due

Quarterly Calendar



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