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State Deputy's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

At our State Convention in Wildwood in May, when I was nominated and elected as the next State Deputy for New Jersey, it was an incredible and humbling feeling. I had a feeling of pride, not because of myself, but because of each of you. I am proud to be able to lead this great state for, hopefully, the next two years. As I said at the Convention, I have extremely large shoes to fill. There has been a long line of Past State Deputies whose dedication and hard work have made New Jersey one of the more successful jurisdictions in the Order.

I would be remiss if I didn't say THANK YOU to all of the Past State Deputies who have shown their tremendous confidence in me by nominating me to follow in their footsteps. They have been nothing but supportive of me since I first became a State Officer six years ago.

But, most of all, let me say THANK YOU to Past State Deputy Bob Hatler, along with his entire team of Directors and Chairman, for their tireless work over the past two years. Their dedication and hard work, all under the professional leadership of PSD Hatler, has brought success and honor to New Jersey, and has helped our state to grow and prosper. As we start a new Fraternal Year, I ask for your support so that we can continue that growth.

To the new and returning Grand Knights, District Deputies, and all of the local Council Officers, I offer my congratulations as you assume your various positions. As has been said on numerous occasions, YOU are the State Council. We hold the titles and make sure things run as smooth as possible, but it is you that causes our Order to grow through your own hard work and dedication. To that end, I pledge mine, and the other State Officers' support. Wherever and whenever we can be of assistance, help is only a phone call or email away. We are dedicated to making your year in office a successful one.

As I stated at the Orientation Meeting, we have many challenges ahead of us – the biggest being to grow the Order in New Jersey. We have about 62,000 members in NJ, but, as each year passes, we continue to get older. We need to focus our energies on bringing in younger members. We have been helped tremendously by the Online Membership Program. New Jersey, I am proud to say, is in the top five nationally in Online members. (Continued on page 6)

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Dear Brother Knights:

It is my great honor to have been selected to be the State Membership Director for the fraternal year 2019-2020. As we wrapped up the GK/DD meeting last week, we discussed the "Power of One". We strongly encourage each council to bring in one new member by July 31st. We would be off to a great start. We are also asking that if each of the 62,000 members in NJ to bring in ONE new member, imagine what our order would be able to do with the additional manpower, how our programs would flourish.

The number of scheduled degrees is down for the summer and we cannot wait months for a candidate to take his degree. I encourage all Grand Knights to work with your District Deputies to plan Admission Degrees (1st Degree) for the 1st Quarter of this Columbian Year so that we can meet these goals.

As stated at the GK/DD meeting, every council has a degree team. Whether you use the DVD, read the degree or have a degree team, you have several options. So, let's make this a PLUS ONE summer.

Also do not forget to utilize the On-Line membership and set up a Landing Page for your council. We have had some great success with bringing in many members to the order via on-line membership. These men choose to join us, welcome them to the meeting and ask them to join your council and take their degrees. As always, the Membership Team is here to assist you anyway we can. Please feel free to contact me and I will help you or direct you to the Membership Chairman of your Diocese. For your reference, the Membership presentation from the GK/DD Orientation Meeting will be posted on the state website. So, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to any member of the Membership, On Line, Retention and Round Table team which there information can be found on line or in the State Directory. **VIVAT JESUS!**

Christopher Duffett, FDD State Membership Director

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Upcoming Events:

* PLEASE NOTE – <u>ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE</u> 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 2019

July 1 ~ Form #185 Due at Supreme

July 4 ~ Independence Day ~ Fly your Flag

July 13 - Installation of State Officers & DD's

July 21 ~ <u>NY Yankee Ball Game - FUNDRAISER</u>

August 2019

August 1 ~ Form #365 due at Supreme August 4 ~ Coast Guard Birthday – Fly your Flag August 6 - 8 ~ <u>Supreme Convention – Minneapolis</u> August 12 – Fr Michael J McGinvey's 167th Birthday August 14 ~ 128th Anniversary of Fr McGivney's death August 15 ~ Audit Report due at Supreme August 15 ~ Assumption of Mary

September 2019

September 2 ~ Labor Day – Fly your Flag September 11 ~ Patriot's Day – Fly your Flag September 18 ~ Air Force Birthday – Fly your Flag September 20 – National POW/MIA Recognition Day – Fly your Flag

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Quarterly Calendar



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Highlighted Programs of the Month

ENGRAVED BIBLES

As is stated in our Admission Degree by the ceremonial Deputy Grand Knight, "death is not voluntary, it will come to each of us. We know not when, we know not where nor how." Inevitably, a member of our order passes away almost weekly in our state. Perhaps your Council will lose a member this year, unfortunately.

Some Councils and Assemblies have a Chalice fund where they purchase a Chalice and have it engraved with the member's name engraved on it to present to the Brother's family and they in turn donate it to their Parish or give it to a Priest that has a relationship with their family. While this is a great thing to do, most of the time that Chalice is put in a cabinet and doesn't get used as much as the family would like, because the Priest usually uses one given to him by his family when he is Ordained.

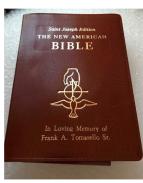
We suggest something a bit different, something the family could get some use of personally. We have added engraved Bibles to our Keep Christ Before Us Program. The Bibles can be ordered using the form on the next page, and can be in your hands to be presented to the family quickly, usually within a week of ordering, sometimes sooner, while a Chalice can take weeks to be delivered.

The Bible costs \$55, while prices for a Chalice start at \$350, some are as much as \$3,000. Below is an image of a Bible that was presented to a family recently, and I believe the family was touched deeply by the gift given to them.

To expedite the order, please call the Program Chairman and email the name to be

John A Gazis, FDD, Chairman

engraved.



KofC License Plates

Brothers,

We received a pin with the logo of the order at our First Degree and we wear it proudly. Most of us have one or more shirts hats and jackets where we proudly proclaim that we are members of the Knights of Columbus. Why not display that same pride on the front and back of your car?

Everywhere you drive people know you are a Knight of Columbus. I have been asked many times about my Knights of Columbus plates and I proudly boast about who we are and the many good works we perform.

A couple years ago while on a family trip to the Cape May zoo a gentleman collecting donations at the gate saw my plates and asked where I was a member. I replied 2976 and it turned out he was a past Grand Knight of my council some 30 plus years ago. A wonderful experience of meeting him all due to my having The Knights plates. I'm calling on all brothers to order your K of C plates now! The cost of new plates is only a one time fee of \$25 personalized plates are also available for \$50 more!

Contact Hank Keating FDD @ 856-627-3483



PROGRAM CORNER

My Fellow Knights,

I congratulate all elected Grand Knights. Remember this position can make the difference in your Council in the upcoming fraternal year. Do not let the summer lapse by, with nothing to show for it. Start on your programs right away and make the summer count. With the new Faith in Action (FIA) Program platform, we are hoping for new beginnings. You have heard me say this before, this program model will do great things for our Council's membership growth, as well as, our relationships with our Parishes, Pastors, and Community.

Our Program Team stands ready to assist you with anything you need. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. While this new, program model has been in existence for just over a year; we are all still learning and adapting. The new fraternal years Program team consists of the following Brothers: Edward Michalak, FDD – Deputy General Program Director • George French, FDD – Community Director • Robert Lynch, FDD – Faith Director • Robert Wright, FDD – Family Director • Martin Boyle, FDD – Life Director • Peter Briody, PGK – Squires, & Squires Rose Program Director.

Just last month you were filling out the SP-7 Report for the Columbian Award. Do not wait until June 2020 to fill this report out again. Start now and make this a living document. As the fraternal year progresses fill out the SP-7 when you complete a program. If you do this, you will never forget what programs you completed and the submission of this crucial report will be early instead of just in time.

Should there be an issue with your submission you will have time to rectify it and complete your goal of the Columbian Award. Let us not forget those all-important REQUIRED programs. Start now and get them in. Faith – Spiritual Reflection, Life – Novena for Life, Community – Helping Hands, and Family – Consecration to the Holy Family. These programs are necessary and you must conduct them if you want to attain the Columbian Award. Make sure you have submitted your form 185 and make sure the 365 is ready to go by 8/1.

Also, do not forget to make sure your assigned officers complete the Safe Environment Program. This is not only required for the Columbian Award it is necessary to protect you and your Council should an accusation be made. Remember your Safe Environment trained team must have at least one member at any program you run involving youth. Keep your successes in the forefront as you work your plan for this fraternal year. By doing the programs and good deeds that God has put before us, we will be "PATRIOTS PROTECTING ALL GODS CHILDREN"

PATRIOTIC CORNER

Dear Brother Sir Knights:

On July 1st, we start a New Columbian Year. The New Regalia for the Color Corp is now official. As for the New Regalia, "it's not what we wear, it's what we do".

We are the Patriotic Degree, an integral part of our order is to serve for the preservation of our church, our order and many nations, where knights serve, as examples of Christ's presence in the world, honoring knights and their families during times of tragedy and loss, members working to honor and protect symbols of National pride, participating in National Holiday Celebrations, honoring veterans for their service and sacrifice, supporting and defending the truth and standing together to ensure true religious freedom.

On July 1st, our State Officers take a new role in their new positions and we have a new Warden, our own Russell Petrocelli. They will be installed on July 13th at Saint Cecilia's Church in Monmouth Junction, NJ. We also have new Supreme District Deputies, Grand Knights and Assembly Navigators who will be taking office. We wish them the best in their endeavors.

Last month, on June 7th, our Color Corp joined the police departments from throughout the state, in the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics. Over 2,000 athletes entered the stadium with over 30 Color Corpsmen led by our State Deputy Bob Hatler. What a great feeling having the "Olympians", high five, hug and thank us for being there for them. Let's keep this up and try to attend next year. What a pleasure it was having the 1st and 2nd District working together as one. This is one of the best experiences that we have participated in.

Celebrate our country's Independence on July 4^{th,} as many of our knights will be participating in parades and other patriotic functions. Have a Great Day and Stay Safe.

On behalf of the Master of the 2nd District - Chris Tomasello, Vice-Supreme Master - Andrew Lipenta and myself, we hope that each of you have a safe summer and continue to promote the 4th Degree and step up to earn the title of Sir Knight the True Knighting Degree.

VIVAT JESUS! <u>Paul Pinkman</u> Master, First New Jersey District

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State Deputy Continued

Another area that will help our growth is the Faith in Action Program. Though it was brand new this past Fraternal Year, we nevertheless, saw excellent growth in the Programs department. That, I believe, is because Catholic men, especially younger Catholic men, don't necessarily care about Fish Fries and Pancake Breakfasts. They like them, but they are not the reason men join our Order. We've been hearing many times that younger Catholics want to return more to their faith, and this is a way for them to do that. If you are a Grand Knight, and haven't sat down with your Pastor yet to go over the Faith in Action programs, you're missing out on a great opportunity. That should be your first order of business this July.

Please get involved. Members, reach out to your Grand Knight and ask how you can help. Grand Knights, reach out to your members and ask them to help with our programs There's something for everyone in today's Knights of Columbus. Any amount of time, whether one hour per year, four hours per month, or any other amount of time is beneficial for you, your Council, New Jersey, and the Knights.

I wish you all a great summer, a great start to the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year, and a very special Happy July 4th, as we celebrate the birthday of the greatest country on earth. VIVAT JESUS Vincent Tavormina, State Deputy

Editor's Note:

All new Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers are encouraged to visit the State website often. If you do not already have a password, or if you need to be upgraded to level 2, click on the <u>Register</u> button and fill out the form <u>completely</u>. You will receive your password within 24 – 48 hours

CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

Brothers,

At the Grand Knights Meeting last month I talked about how important it is to be a good Messenger. Although our Message is righteous, and the programs that we carry out speak for themselves in many ways, we must also be good Messengers if we ever hope to turn hearts and bring back a Culture of Life.

I talked about how we must seek to understand why someone is in favor of abortion or assisted suicide before we seek to have them understand why this is morally wrong. This understanding will help guide our discussions with them and, hopefully, increase our chances of success.

Well known speaker and pro-life advocate Stephanie Gray talks about bringing this about through love and prayer and that "Love Unleashes Life." I played a video of a brief interview of her on EWTN during the training sessions. If you weren't there, or were in Group A where we had sound issues, here is a <u>LINK</u> to that video. I would also encourage you to search for her other videos on YouTube, <u>such as this one</u> that provides excellent rebuttals to common justifications for abortion. Let's all make it our goal this year to be better Messengers for Life!

Also, don't forget to name a Respect Life Chairman, and send his information in to us at this <u>LINK</u>, along with your Religious and Civil Rights chairman_at this <u>LINK</u>. These two men will be critical to your work as a council for the cause for Life. Please make this one of the first things that you do.

With a good game plan for the year, there is nothing we cannot accomplish in the cause for the Culture of Life! So, let's get to work!

Steven J. Richardson, FM Culture of Life Programs

"I have great respect for Catholic traditions: my family is Catholic, and it's part of my life."

INSURANCE MATTERS

Our Catholicity as an organization forms all that we do. Our Order was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity; as a Catholic business we also have core values of Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence and Respect. In all our dealings we try to embody those values.

Money from insurance premiums and annuity deposits is managed by our investment department. They manage that money, now amounting to more than \$24 billion, using sound investment strategies in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' socially responsible investment guidelines. We will not invest in companies that violate the teachings of the Church. Our choices prove that a business can operate on these principles and still produce a healthy profit. That's a Catholic Difference!

Our charitable contributions of more than \$185 million last year went to a wide variety of organizations. Many were Catholic, but some were not. We give money to support worthy causes and we do that, not because *they* are Catholic, but because we are Catholic. That's what our faith calls us to do; Sirach 40:17 tells us that acts of kindness and charity last for an eternity. We are supporting victims of genocide in Syria and other places in the Middle East. We have placed more than 1000 ultrasound machines in all 50 states and saved more the 1 million lives. We financially and spiritually support seminarians, disaster victims, Special Olympians and many others. All this from the profits of our insurance program and investments and the contributions of members. That's a Catholic Difference!

And speaking of the insurance program, let's talk about the "Discover the Catholic Difference" there. Our products are designed with our members' needs in mind. For example, we have never raised our Long-Term Care Insurance premiums on existing policies, something very few, if any, insurance companies can say. We offer Disability Income Insurance to blue collar workers as well as white and grey collar workers. We recognize that it's not just the affluent that need that coverage. We still meet with brother knights and their families in their homes if they prefer; as it is often the most convenient for them. Our fixed-rate annuity has a minimum guarantee for life, meaning a member will always make money on his money and can never lose a penny with us.

That's who we are and what we do. Protecting Catholic Families since 1882.

- 3. Enter phone numbers as ###-####-####, if there is no phone number enter 000-000-0000.
- 4. Only use 5 digits for the zip code.
- 5. For those completing the State Directory Forms, for each 2019-2020 role you are entering, the top line drop-down is "A New Entry". Any corrections to that role, are "An Update".
- 6. Most Important: When you are done completing your form, scroll through it and check for errors. Then, click the "Submit" button ONCE and only once! Clicking "Submit" will not do any good.

Depending on your Internet Service Provider; connection; and your computer's speed, your submission may take as little as 4 seconds to maybe 15 seconds to accept and verify - our computers and servers are superfast - our computers are waiting on yours!

If everything is good, and there are no errors the page will refresh and you will b given a "Thank You!" and an option to view, save, and print a PDF.

IF there are errors, the screen will " blink" and an improper field or data will have a "hint" underneath the field box, correct and hit "Submit" (ONCE).

Marty Boyle, FDD, with State Deputy Vinnie Tavormina's permission, will be assisting me as Chief Information (IT) Officer.

> Vivat Jesus!!! Bernie Ernst, FDD NJ State Council Webmaster

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Charles Miraglia **General Agent**

. Please, Don't Keep Hitting The "Submit" Button

WEBMASTER

Welcome to newly elected / re-elected Grand Knights and Council Officers and Chairmen, as well as new / returning District Deputies! You will find that we have made your lives even easier, for you to locate & file State & Supreme forms electronically – and on time!!!

- 1. We have merged the chart of **required** forms.
- 2. We sorted those forms chronologically by their due date; and we sorted them alphabetically when multiple forms are due on the same date; finally, we provided a link to the form.
- 3. All forms are accessible to your Council's chairmen or directors – provided they register for a log-in authorization.
- 4. Most forms are reportable to either State OR Supreme, although there a few programs that require separate reporting. Please be sure to do both to receive FULL credit.

OK. just a few rules:

- 1. Use upper and lower case on ALL forms, especially addresses and e-mail addresses.
- 2. Do NOT use ALL CAPS or nicknames.

SQUIRES CORNER

Welcome to Summer.

We have now completed our 2018-19 Columbian Year.

We have our team together for this year's Tank pull and have an early afternoon pull time our team has raised almost \$5,000.00 for our wounded warriors

Our Transition team this now busy working on next year's Columbian Calendar and budget as well as our 8th Annual Retreat. As <u>YOU</u> develop your budget for this year, don't forget to budget for our scholarship program, The Fr John F Murray and the John Attardo Scholarships.

Now this is what our Squire & Rose Circles doing this summer?

Budd Lake

The Squires are planning a rafting trip, down the Delaware in late July

Flemington

Squires are planning a movie night TBD.

A trip is planned to visit *Our Lady of Czestokowa Shrine in Doylestown PA* this summer.

In September we are planning a trip to the K of C museum and St. Mary's church in New Haven and a trip into NYC to old St. Pats and the Tenamnet museum.

<u>Glassboro</u>

Squires are planning summertime activities as well as a picnic to end the year.

<u>Sparta</u>

Roses – will be celebrating the 2018-19 year at the end of June beginning of July.

Squires

June - Some members of our circle will participate in the annual NJ Tank Pull on June 23rd. July -The Saint Kateri Squires will hold their annual car wash (date to be confirmed either July 7th or the 14th.

-Date TBD - the Squires will hold their annual "Shop and Stock" event with canned foods being delivered to the Sparta Food Pantry

-Joint picnic with Knights, Squires, and Squire Roses to be held on date TBD

-July 27th, the Squires will host the Silver Rose in conjunction with the Squire Roses at the 5 p.m. mass.

Wildwood

The Squires are planning many fun activities, and fund raisers this summer.

When you are ready to start a *Squire/Squire Rose Circle* contact:

Peter D Briody, PGK

Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Program Director

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Brothers,

On Sunday, July 21, the State Council is running a trip to a NY Yankee game. The Yankees will be playing the Colorado Rockies that day. They have set aside 2 sections of the Stadium for us to purchase tickets to. This game is a fundraiser for our "Send a Hero Home for the Holidays" Program. Ticket prices are \$55 and \$75 each, with \$18 from each ticket being sent to the NJ State Council for this program. This Program has grown since it's inception. In the first year the program was started by State Secretary James Stoever, we sent 11 military personnel home, and in 2018 the number grew to 145. Use this LINK to purchase tickets and help support this great program.

The Supreme Convention will be held in Minneapolis this year. The Supreme Convention is something I highly recommend you try to attend. Every year, someone attends the convention for the first time and almost every person comes back again and again. I attended my first one in 2001 and have only missed 1 in the 17 conventions after. The Opening Mass procession is amazing, with well over 100 clergy entering the room, including many Bishops and Cardinals, Please consider joining us in Minneapolis and spending time with Brother Knights from around the world.

This is the time of year when our thoughts drift to heading to the shore, going on vacation or just spending a nice day with the family. Take this time to also spend some time with an elderly person, they will appreciate it and you will also get something out of it. If the person is homebound, share a meal or just sit and talk with them, watch a ballgame. If the person can get out, take them for a walk on the boardwalk, stroll the mall with them, or anything they want to do but don't have the opportunity to. I have a couple of them that I try to get to at least once a week, and it feels good to spend time with them. Like the commercial use to say "Try it, you'll like it!"

<u>John A Gazis, FDD</u>

Crusader Editor



State Deputy Vincent Tavormina, 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 being "*Patriots Protecting all God's Children*"

<u>COUNCIL</u>	NAME	TOWN	CHARTER DATE	<u>YRS</u>
<u>1432</u>	<u>Somerville</u>	<u>Somerville</u>	<u>7/4/1909</u>	<u>110</u>
<u>1994</u>	Msgr C G McCorristin	<u>Woodbury</u>	<u>7/6/1919</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>783</u>	<u>Summit</u>	Berkeley Hts	<u>7/8/1903</u>	<u>116</u>
<u>240</u>	<u>Paterson</u>	Paterson	<u>7/11/1897</u>	<u>122</u>
<u>15540</u>	Bishop Edward Hughes	<u>Three Bridges</u>	<u>7/11/2012</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>1910</u>	Liberty	Bridgeton	<u>7/14/1918</u>	<u>101</u>
<u>1146</u>	<u>Rahway</u>	<u>Rahway</u>	7/15/1906	<u>113</u>
<u>3231</u>	<u>Rev John F Welsh</u>	<u>Manasquan</u>	7/15/1949	<u>70</u>
<u>359</u>	George Washington	<u>Morristown</u>	<u>7/18/1898</u>	<u>121</u>
<u>6100</u>	Fr Joseph A Cassidy	Budd Lake	7/18/1968	<u>51</u>
<u>1984</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>Palmyra</u>	<u>7/19/1919</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>1436</u>	<u>St John Neumann</u>	<u>Riverside</u>	7/25/1909	<u>110</u>
<u>14615</u>	<u>St Theresa</u>	Little Egg Harbor	7/28/2008	<u>11</u>
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[**NOTE:** Due to the large number of anniversaries in certain months, we may have to limit the publishing list to the names of councils celebrating their **25th**, **50th**, **75th** and **100th Anniversary** in some months. When there is adequate space for more, we will include all Councils]

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