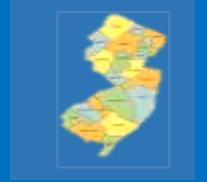


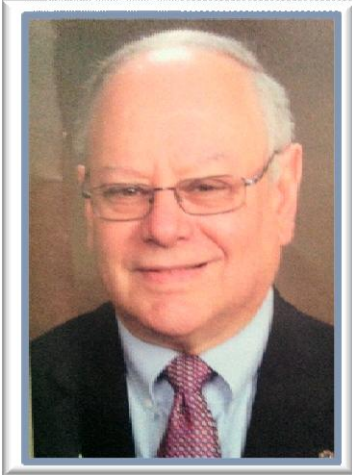


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## State Deputy's Message



Andrew E. Lipenta  
State Deputy



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Brothers,

When we begin the month of April, we set out on the last quarter of this Columbian Year, and we are now about a month away from our State Convention.

I hope you have made strides to complete your membership and program goals that you set out in your planning meeting last summer.

If needed, you certainly have this last quarter of the year to complete those goals. Your district deputy, state membership and program teams and insurance benefits consultant stand ready to assist you in attaining those goals. Whether you are completing your term as Grand Knight or not, please make the most of this remaining time.

I also hope that you are planning to attend the annual Convention in Wildwood. Our convention committee team, led by State Advocate, Vince Tavormina, has been working diligently to make this a fantastic convention weekend.

The annual State Convention is the one time during the year when we join together to celebrate the many accomplishments of our Brothers, to honor those who have excelled in their service to others, to conduct our business as a State Council and to enjoy the fraternity of Brothers and their families from around the State on what is promised to be a beautiful weather weekend in May.

I am extremely pleased to announce that our banquet keynote speaker will be, Chief Scott Thomson of the Camden County Police Department, who was instrumental in turning around the City of Camden. We also are honored to have Sr. Helen Cole, S.S.J. Director of Guadalupe Family Services, who assist the needy in North Camden

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## State Deputy's Message *(continued)*

We will be honored to have our own Dr. Daniel Rossi, Supreme Director, representing Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson at the Convention.

Our convention opening mass, as usual, is Friday, May 15 at St. Ann's Church, Parish of Notre Dame de la Mer, in Wildwood. His Excellency, Bishop Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of Camden will preside at opening mass.

Of course, we also have the opportunity to elect a new slate of state officers as leaders for our jurisdiction for 2015-2016. Our State Nominating Committee, which is composed of the Past State Deputies, has interviewed and proposed the following to serve as state officers for the next year.

For State Deputy: Bruce DeMolli; State Secretary, Bob Hatler; State Treasurer: Vince Tavormina; State Advocate: James Stoever and for State Warden, our present General Program Director, Raymond Sands.

I am confident that they will do their best to represent you well and I hope they can count on your support!

I am also confident that this year's convention and banquet will be very special and look forward to seeing you there!

My wife, Maria and I wish you and yours the most holy and joyous Easter season!

Vivat Jesus,

Andrew E. Lipenta  
State Deputy

**persons with Intellectual Disabilities Drive**  
**Thursday April 23 thru Sunday - April 26**  
**Time to assign your members for collections**

# Program Corner

April is already here bringing a welcomed change of season, Easter, and the start of the final quarter in the Columbian Year. I trust that you used the Lenten season wisely to make both your spiritual and service program activities the best they could be. Salve!

Now that we are in the last quarter, take stock in all that you have accomplished and all that you might still need to accomplish to achieve Star Council. Make sure your council is on target to achieve this award, the Double Star, or even the newest award, Triple Star Council!

Easter is a great time to be a Catholic and Knight of Columbus. Men who are eager to join seem to be easier to find, especially with our Church's newest Catholics who have just completed RCIA. All *you* need to do is ask them! Easter youth coloring books are also a great bonus to help propagate our faith as a youth activity. Additionally, do not overlook the communion sets. I personally will never forget the happiness I felt seeing children carrying them to mass and taking pride in following along with the Mass in the missal. I felt great satisfaction knowing it was the Knights who helped them in part with their faith.

Ah, Spring! Many weddings occur now and into early summer. Wedding certificates are a great way to honor and commemorate this important milestone. Matching those up with a presentation at a wedding vow renewal Mass is a great addition and fraternal activity. Invite the parish! What a way to honor our spouses and Catholic traditions. Our certificate Chairman, John Jones, looks forward to hearing from you. Let me offer my sincerest thanks to everyone for their support and involvement in the Free Throw and Spelling Bee events. Your participation has made this year the best it has even been! Please continue your support at our State Finals in Sayreville and Brick.

Let's not forget our upcoming State Convention in Wildwood. Consider putting together a committee and submit a resolution for the convention. Get your delegates' registration signed and submitted. Make your council's voice and opinion known. Make a plan to attend and stay a night or two, and join in the fraternal fellowship! Be part of the State Horseshoe Tournament, it's there for your enjoyment. Be there to pick up your achievement awards in person. I look forward to shaking your hand and saying thank you for all that you do!

- **April Program Considerations:**
- Bishop Dougherty Scholarship Application—*due* to State Chairman **04/01** - [LINK](#) [Service Record](#)
- John Murray Scholarship Application—*due* to State Chairman **04/01** - [LINK](#)
- My First Holy Communion sets – order **minimum of two weeks prior** - [LINK](#)
- Easter Coloring books – **orders due NOW!** - [LINK](#)

## **Early May programs to be considered and acted upon:**

- Wireless Amber Alert report form —*due* to State Chairman **05/01** - [LINK](#)

**It is never too late to contribute to the three scholarship award funds! [LINK](#) [LINK](#) [LINK](#)**

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!*** Vivat Jesus!

Yours in friendship and fraternity,  
Ray Sands FDD

# General Agents Corner

## An Ethical Responsibility

In March, the Knights of Columbus was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute for the second year in a row.

This is a tremendous honor and achievement that all Knights should be proud of. You are part of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above all else.

But tremendous though it is, being one of the world's most ethical companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We owe it to our founder, to our Church and to our members.

The Supreme Knight has been quoted saying, "Our Catholic fraternal business model is truly unique in the marketplace. We do not divide the world.....Instead, our business decisions are measured by fraternal calculus: What is best for our brother Knights and their families?" We deal with real people, not abstractions. Our focus is on the person who is always worthy of respect and should take precedent over profit.

That focus stems from our roots. It is our responsibility to continue the business in a way that Father McGivney intended. He founded the organization so that a caring community of Catholic families could come together and protect widows and children from financial devastation upon the death of the bread winner. Our mission remains the same 133 years later.

That's why from our founding to the present day, we are unapologetically Catholic. For us it means conducting our business in accordance with Catholic principles. In so many instances it boils down to the golden rule – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

That's who we are and what we do.....

Protecting Catholic Families since 1882.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Miraglia



# Culture of Life Corner

April brings us into Spring and a month closer to the State Convention in Wildwood. You should be getting ready for the final sprint in the home stretch to win the race for a Culture of Life!

**Disabilities Drive.** April brings us a brand new opportunity to reach our fundraising goal for those with physical and intellectual disabilities. We keep reaching for the stars (\$1 million) and falling way short. At this point, I would be happy if we raised \$750,000 this go around. Your council should be all ready to go with a big push this month to kick things off with programs that:

- Solicit donations from local merchants
- Hold a social event to benefit the drive
- Run a 50/50 specifically for this program
- Send personal letters to council members requesting donations

Be creative in coming up with ways to raise as much money as you can. Details are on page 10-39 of the Grand Knights Manual.

**State Diaper Drive.** As part of Mother's Day month, we will again be holding a Diaper Drive at the state convention in Wildwood. Be sure to throw a box of diapers in the trunk before you head down for the weekend, and drop it off at the Pro-Life table at the convention center. We would like to see a mountain of diapers, wipes, and formula by the close of the business session on Saturday. Donations will be divided among the five dioceses, so please be generous! You should also be planning a diaper drop at your council for the month of May. Encourage members to bring diapers and wipes to your meeting to drop off for delivery to a pregnancy care center in your area.

**White Ribbon against Pornography.** We will also be selling White Ribbon car magnets at the convention again this year. You can order them in advance by sending a check for \$5 each, made out to the NJ State Council, to Morality in the Media chairman Dan Foley at 4 Haddington Lane, Manchester NJ 08759. Please indicate the council name and number, and the quantity of magnets being ordered. They can then be picked up at the state convention.

**Exercise Your Catholic Voice in the Media.** Things will continue to get worse in this country if we continue to sit by and say nothing. That is why our "Letter Writing Committee" is so important. Letters do get published, as our chairman Ron Prykanowski can attest! He has had several in the paper, and people have even commented to him favorably, stating that they liked what he wrote. Remember, when we speak out, we encourage others to do so as well. If any of your members are interested in being a letter writer, send Ron an e-mail through this [LINK](#).

**Best Culture of Life Program.** Has your council run a successful and different Culture of Life program this year? Then let me know! We want to recognize the best program in the state and then tell Supreme all about it! Just send me an e-mail at this [LINK](#) and tell me all about it!

Steven J. Richardson, FM  
Culture of Life Programs Director



*Celebrating  
Anniversaries  
this Month*



**SCHEDULED  
DEGREES**

[LINK](#) individual councils below for

**DEGREE:**      **LINK** ,      **LOCATION & DATE:**

**CAMDEN:**

- First      [Council 1443](#) Mon. Apr.6
- Third     [Council 7463](#) Fri. Apr. 10
- Third     [Council 6342](#) Fri. Apr. 17
- First      [Council 7463](#) Mon. Apr. 20
- First      [Council 3784](#) Mon. Apr. 20

**NEWARK:**

- Third      [Council 1345](#) Fri. Apr.10
- First      [Council 2188](#) Tues. Apr. 14
- Second    [Council 3962](#) Thurs. Apr. 23
- Third      [Council 6380](#) Fri. Apr. 24

**PATERSON:**

- First      [Council 359](#) Fri, Apr. 10
- First      [Council 943](#) Tues. Apr. 14

**TRENTON:**

- Third      [Council 7463](#) Fri. Apr. 17
- First      [Council 7463](#) Mon. Apr. 20
- First      [Council 1672](#) Tues. Apr. 21

[All Website Schedules](#)

<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>CHARTERED</u>	<u>YRS</u>
335 Long Branch Long Branch	4/26/1898	117
570 Bordentown Bordentown	4/14/1901	114
747 Trinity Hackensack	4/26/1903	112
10322 Sts. Peter & Paul Great Meadows	4/16 1990	25
10392 Dr.Laurence Devlin Woodstown	4/17/1990	25
15964 Bishop John C. Reiss Marlboro	4/26/2014	1

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the current month.]

### Diocese of Metuchen Spelling Bee Results

The NJ Knights of Columbus Chapter 4 conducted the annual Spelling Bee for 8th grade students in the Diocese of Metuchen. The event was held Saturday, March 7 at St. Ann School, Raritan hosted by Knights of Columbus Sgt. John Basilone Council 13264.

Officiating were Diocese of Metuchen Spelling Bee Chairman Steven Bauernfeind of St. Joseph Council 10627 in High Bridge assisted by Hugh Gallagher, Past Grand Knight, host council 13264, Kevin Loughney, Grand Knight St. Joseph Council 10627 and Thomas Klawunn, St. Joseph Council 10627.

First place winner  
Alexa Marsh, St. Ann School, Raritan

Second place winner  
Kirk Olandres,  
St. Helena School, Edison

Third place winner  
Carly Rodriguez,  
St. Ann School, Raritan

Fourth place winner  
Aparna Natarajan,  
St. Helena School, Edison.

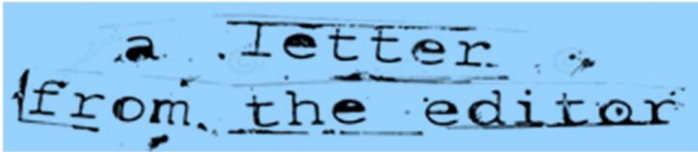
The four students are eligible to participate in the Knights of Columbus State Finals Spelling Bee to be held on April 12, 2015 at 2 PM at the Church of the Epiphany in Brick, N.J.

The deadline for submission of Bishop Dougherty Scholarship applications was April 1. By the time you read this, an award will have been made. The recipient will be announced in the May Newsletter and at the State Convention in Wildwood.

However, it is never too late for your Council to make a donation to the fund. If we are to award more than one scholarship, we will need more funding. The only way the Scholarship is funded is by donations from councils, and individual members.

Make a motion at your next council meeting to send a donation to the fund. Details are in the Grand Knight's Manual, Chapter 10.

Anthony B. Bernice, FDD  
Chairman



April means we are entering the final quarter of this Columbian Year and our Councils have much more to accomplish. All State reporting forms should be prepared, filled out completely and sent to the respective chairmen. Nominating committees are to be appointed to nominate new council officers for the next Columbian Year, 2015 – 2016.

Reservations for rooms and delegates to the State Convention, on May 15 & 16, should be sent in. It is important that every council send in two delegates, to represent them, at the convention, as new State Officers will be elected at that time.

Membership drives and first degrees should be set up and scheduled to meet each council requirements. Final arrangements should be in place to have a successful Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Drive. YOUR help will be needed to make this drive our most successful!

Every council, large or small, work extremely hard to accomplish their programs, whether one or twenty. Members take pride in what they do and how they do them. Your council, and those participating, should be recognized for what and how they accomplish these deeds in either church, council, community, youth, or fraternity.

Be proud of what you do, send in your reports and be recognized for your council works at the State Convention.

Vivat Jesus

Carmen A. Blandino  
Newsletter Editor

## Membership Corner

Brothers,

Happy Easter Brothers. With the Rite of Christian Initiation as Adults (RCIA) program completed on Easter, you now have a few more members in your parish. It is encouraged that you ask these new men to get to know some of their fellow parishioners by joining the Knights of Columbus and by getting involved in some council and parish activities.

Now that the March church drives are over, it is time to follow-up with your prospect list and invite the prospects and their wives to an open house and to have them make their first degree. Be sure to send them a letter announcing the first degree and the details needed for them to experience a nice exemplification. Your letter of invitation should include the sign-in time, the amount of money needed for the one-time initiation fee and pro-rated dues. Also mention that a jacket and tie is preferred for degrees. Include the contact information of the council membership director or whoever is collecting the names of the candidates for the degree.

Not everyone on your prospect list will be able to make the degree scheduled sponsored by your so it is a good idea to list 2 or 3 other dates of degrees in your area as well as to offer the chance to take the degree by DVD. Hopefully, giving alternates dates and methods will enable your prospects to join your council in a timely manner.

Good luck with your March prospect lists.

Vivat Jesus,

John Erwin, FDD  
State Membership Director



# Upcoming Events:

\* PLEASE NOTE - **ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE AT THE STATE COUNCIL OFFICE ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

Be sure to make a note of the activities that are scheduled for the next several months. Click the specific activity [\[hyperlink\]](#) to obtain more information, details and forms. Log-in required.


## 2015

- April 15 - Wings for Life Award Nomination [Form](#)
- April 20 - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline
- April 23 - 26 Intellectual Disabilities Drive
- April 30 - Intellectual Disabilities Drive Report - [LINK](#)

- May 1 - Wireless Amber Alert Form
- May 15-16 - State Council Convention, Wildwood - [LINK](#)
- May 16 - Horseshoe Tournament - [LINK](#)
- May 20 - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

- June 30 - Annual Report of Roundtable Coordinator - [LINK](#)
- June 30 - RSVP Program - [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



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