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State Deputy's Message



Bruce DeMolli
State Deputy



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All Councils by now should have had their installation of officers completed by their District Deputy. All Grand Knights should be using their monthly planners to implement their yearly programs and accomplish their membership goals. Last year 45 councils made Star council, 7 Double Star and 5 Triple Star. Congratulations to all on that accomplishment. With over 330 councils, we would like to see that number double to 90 Star councils this year. At the beginning of the year, each Grand Knight was given a "Star Council Checklist" issued from Supreme (Form 5104 5/15) to help insure him that his council attains Star status. On this list a Grand Knight can track his reports-membership and insurance quotas each month, the -#SP7 form and Council assessments. This is a critical checklist that we are fortunate to have this year and we encourage all Councils and Grand Knights to update each month.

Training continues to be key and all Dioceses have dates for membership, leadership and financial secretary training. Check with your Diocesan Training and Development Director for details.

On Wednesday, November 4 our Associate State Chaplain, Msgr. Michael Mannion will be hosting a meeting for all Council Chaplains at the St John Newman Pastoral Center in Piscataway. This meeting is twofold. It will address the Knights support for the Domestic Church program for families and to support our local councils through creative input, suggestions and spiritual activities. We urge all council chaplains to attend. Please see our state web site for details.

Our state program and membership teams are very positive that we can attain even higher levels of accomplishment. The dedication, experience and commitment of our Knights have proven time and time again that we can accomplish anything that we strive to do. Our sincere hope is that working together these accomplishments will continue to grow each year and break the previous year's record.

We have also decided that a quick getaway from the cold and snow in March would be a blessing and a relief, a way to "recharge the batteries". That is why we have decided to schedule a State Council sponsored cruise the week of March 13-20, 2016. All Knights, families and friends are welcome. This is also an easy way, with no costs and little effort on the council's part to earn extra income. Please see page 4 or our State web site or for details.

I wish to express to all District Deputies, Grand Knights, councils and Brother Knights my hope for a productive and successful Columbian Year. Together may we achieve all our goals, increase the number of people we help through our programs and recruit more Catholic men into our order to continue to "Protect God's Kingdom".

Vivat Jesus

Bruce De Molli KSG, State Deputy



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A POEM OF LOVE

If I Knew - Poem by Dawn Marie Huddleston

A Memorial to those lost on 9/11

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep,
 I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door,
 I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
 I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute
 to stop and say 'I love you, ' instead of assuming you would know I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day,
 Well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight,
 And we always get a second chance to make everything just right.

There will always be another day to say 'I love you, '
 And certainly there's another chance to say our 'Anything I can do?

But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,
 I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike,
 And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?
 For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day,

That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
 And you were too busy to grant someone what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, and whisper in their ear,
 Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear

Take time to say 'I'm sorry, ' 'Thank you, ' 'Please forgive me, ' or 'It's okay.'
 And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.

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Program Corner

JAMES SWEENEY, FDD, STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Fall is Here!

Wow, the summer is already gone and fall is just about kicking in. The temperatures are getting a little cooler and the trees will start to change color soon. We are becoming more active at home, with the kids and of course with your Council. I am encouraged with the good works I hear about around the State and look forward to the activities you all have planned.

I hope you are all using the tools available to you in planning out your programs for this year. For example, the "Fraternal Leader Success Planner" that will enable you to plan out your programs for the next 3 to 6 months. The planner reminds you that you should be finishing up on the Council's Soccer Challenge, setting a date for the Corporate Communion, getting going on the Coats for Kids program as well as all the Christmas seasonal programs sponsored by Supreme.

Additionally, you should also be planning out your other local Council activities as well as the NJ State Knights of Columbus sponsored programs, such as:

- Rosary Rally – 10/4 @ 3pm Mt Laurel;
- State Council Retreat – 10/23 - 10/25;
- Conduct a charitable service program in honor of Pope Francis' visit;
- Child ID kits – something FREE;
- Columbus Day celebrations;
- Keep Christ in Christmas Program, order now for deliveries in late November;
- Keep Christ Before Us, coloring books and Confirmation Books.

With good planning, comes great success! Keep your Council active and looking towards your next event. Open up your events to non-members to expand your team and get a few extra hands. Who knows? Maybe those non-members will see the good your Council does and will look to join the Knights. Do not miss that opportunity. Make sure you ask them to join your Council.

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

Keep the Faith,

Jim Sweeney, FDD

[NJ State Program Director](#)



SPRING CRUISE

The New Jersey State Council is sponsoring an 8 day – 7 night cruise to the Bahamas in the Spring. The cruise, aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines “Breakaway”, will depart New York on March 13, 2016 and return on March 20. Ports of call will be New York, Port Canaveral/Orlando Beaches, Great Stirrup Bay, Nassau, and returning to New York.

<u>Port of Call</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Arrive Time</u>	<u>Depart Time</u>
New York City	3/13/16		3:00 PM
At Sea	3/14/16		
Orlando-Beaches- Port Canaveral	3/15/16	1:00 PM	9:00 PM
Great Stirrup Cay	3/16/16	10:00 AM	6:00 PM
Nassau, Bahamas	3/17/16	8:00 AM	6:00 PM
At Sea	3/18/16		
At Sea	3/19/16		
New York City	3/20/16	8:00 AM	

This cruise will be a fundraiser, both for the State Council and for local Councils that wish to participate. The State Council will donate a portion of the profits of the trip back to the Councils that have members and friends that participate in the cruise. The profits will be split 70% for the State Council and 30% for participating Councils.

This trip is not limited to members of the Knights or the Columbiettes, it is open to anyone that wishes to attend. When a reservation is made, make sure your Council number is put on the reservation form so your Council gets credit. Reservations should be made as soon as possible to ensure availability.

For further information, please check the [State website](#) or contact Michael Lucrelli via [EMAIL](#) or phone @ 973/647-2496



ROUND TABLES

CHRISTOPHER TOMASELLO, FDD, STATE CHAIRMAN

Brothers, welcome to the **Round Table**! Please pull up a chair and join us. I am about to ask for your help and if you can and will help me, you will help your Council, Parish and ultimately your Pastors. I am offering you one of the easiest and very beneficial programs to aid you and your council. It requires minimum work from the Grand Knight and you can possibly reap great rewards.

The Parish Round Table is so simple that it literally has two (2) forms! One at the beginning of the year when you appoint your coordinator (Form # 2629) and one at the end of the year (Form # 2630) filled out by the coordinator and turned over to the Grand Knight to show the progress of the Round Table. One of many purposes in forming a Round Table is, as our **Supreme Knight Carl Anderson** says, "to establish a Knights of Columbus presence in every Parish".

There are many benefits in establishing a **Parish Round Table** for the Parish, Knights and Priests and creates a unique support structure, aid and support, within a Parish. As always you should meet with your Pastor and get his blessing and support and let him know that the Knights are there to support the Parish.

When starting a **Round Table**, there are **NO elections**, the coordinator is appointed by GK and Pastor and serves at their will. There are **No extra meetings** to be away from your families, **NO DUES**, you still pay your dues to your council, any moneys raised by the RoundTable will be held and disbursed by the Council. And of course, fill out Form 2629! There is only one coordinator and he is to meet with the Pastor when necessary or at least monthly to find out how the Knights can be of assistance!

Councils that serve only one Parish cannot have a **Round Table** unless it is an **ethnic Round Table**. If you have a group of men in your council that are Spanish, Polish, Vietnamese, etc., then it can be formed. We have found a **Round Table** very beneficial as a recruiting tool. Many of these brothers feel more secure and able to express ideas when they meet among brothers who speak their language. You can tap into all kinds of new ideas and recruit new members from these **Round Tables**.

If your *council encompasses two or more Parishes*, you **SHOULD** have a **RoundTable** in each and I ask that you form one now. Each **Round Table** needs one coordinator, you cannot use the same person twice, a different brother from that Parish should be the contact person. As you can see this very easy, yet very fulfilling project, should be your next project. Let's do it today! Fill out that form and let's get started. As my space is limited, please brothers if you have any questions or I can help in anyway please don't hesitate to contact me! Thank you brothers for your time!

Vivat Jesus,

[Chris Tomasello, FDD](#)
[State Round Table Chairman](#)

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Protecting God's Kingdom

GENERAL AGENTS CORNER

CHARLES MIRAGLIA, FDD, GENERAL AGENT

“Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country....”

Americans have always taken personal responsibility for themselves and their families, since the time that this great republic was formed. In two generations we have gone from that can do spirit, and a period of time when everyone tried to better themselves and the future of their families, to a time when it seems a growing number of our citizens feel that the government owes them something, (for doing nothing).

Do you really think the government is going to take care of you? If you do, ask yourself, how are they going to be able to pay for it?

We are told that the federal budget deficit is around \$500 billion, but if you add in the unfunded liabilities, (Medicaid, Social Security, Medicaid and benefits to federal employees), then the real deficit is around \$4 Trillion this year. For too long our politicians have used smoke and mirrors to balance budgets and robbed Peter to pay Paul. In the not too distant all of us who work and pay taxes are going to have to pay more to cover these expenses. (You don't think the people who don't pay taxes now will pay then do you? Or services to be cut?)

So, what does this have to do with our Insurance Program? It's why we were founded. From the time of our founding the Order has always been about taking care of our own and each man being responsible for the financial future of his own family. Fr. McGivney's dream that no Catholic family suffer financial devastation from a loss of a loved one, has never been more important. He started the Order "with entrepreneurial zeal", to unite men of our faith, that we may gain strength to aid each other in time of need".

2015 is not 1882. Times are different. Economics are different. Knights of Columbus Insurance continues to provide a valuable and noble service to our members and their families. We help you guarantee your family a future no matter what the government does.

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

[Charles Miraglia, General Agent](#)



KEEP CHRIST BEFORE US

JOHN A GAZIS, FDD, STATE CHAIRMAN

The State Council has had a Coloring Book program going for many years and would like to take this opportunity to showcase this program for you at this time of year.

The coloring books are part of the Keep Christ Before Us program, which includes many items, including but not limited to, coloring books for all occasions and themes, Christmas and Easter included among many others, Communion Books, Confirmation Prayer books, Daily Meditation books.

I would like to discuss the coloring books with you today. There are 2 Christmas themed books, 1 celebrating Advent and 1 celebrating the birth of Christ. The books are inexpensive at \$1.50 each. Some Councils give the Advent book at their Parish Breakfast with Santa, and the Christmas books at their Children's Christmas Party, since many times the same children could be attending both functions.

We have many other books for different celebrations in a child's life, with titles such as: Confession and Communion, Stations of the Cross, Lent, Easter, The Commandments, The Sacraments, Going to Church, the Mass, The Holy Bible, Angels, Everyday Prayers, Mary, Jesus, The Our Father, About the Rosary, My Birthday, ABC Coloring Book, Catholic 1-2-3.

For more information, contact State Chairman John A Gazis, FDD at SKJGazis@aol.com, or by phone at 732/581-2905. Pictures of all coloring books, and a description of the program, is available in the Grand Knights Manual, given to you at the June GK Meeting or through the [State Website](#)



FROM OUR WEBMASTER

Communication Through Council Websites

BERNARD ERNST, FDD

Our Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, has directed us to "...move forward aggressively" as an order: to build our membership; develop new council plans; reach out to those in need; and to keep the order on the "Front Line" for Church and Society (State Deputy Mid-year Meeting Nov. 15-17, 2002).

Our Supreme Knight takes his cue from our late Holy Father, Saint John Paul II, who, in his message of May 12, 2002, written for the 36th World Communications Day, pointed to the need for "...fresh energy and imagination in proclaiming the one Gospel of Jesus Christ". The subject of World Communications Day 2002 reflected on just that, as the theme was "Internet: A New Forum for Proclaiming the Gospel". The late Pope John Paul II, in establishing the Vatican website, noted the vast potential of the Internet - used properly - "...to follow the Lord's command to 'put out into the deep': Duc in altum! (Lk 5:4)". Our Holy Father also noted, "The Church approaches this new medium with realism and confidence" and, "Like other communications media, it is a means, not an end in itself".

Many councils are faced with a struggle to build its ranks; an aging membership; and a lack of awareness and understanding of the Knights of Columbus. And, like all Brother Knights, we have a need to support our Pope, Bishops, Priests, Church, our Brother Knights and our Communities at large. With the likelihood that future members will come from the "younger" Catholic gentlemen of our communities (18-40 year olds), and that this age group typically "surfs the internet", we have a need to focus on capturing, not only their interest, but their enthusiasm.

A website's ability to attract these prime demographics relies on the establishment and maintenance of a website, which focuses on ten basic parameters:

- **ACCESSIBILITY**: A council's website should have an easy-to-remember URL.
- **APPEARANCE**: A visitor to a council's website will be more inclined to stay and search the site if it is pleasing to the eye.
- **NAVIGATION**: A good council website should have easy-to-use, easy-to-understand "buttons" to take a visitor to various areas of the site.
- **GRAPHICS**: A website's graphics should be of a high quality, and thumbnails should open easily and to a size that is viewable within the screen.
- **OFFICERS**: Council officers' roster should be listed, preferably with photos.
- **ABOUT US**: There should be a section describing the Knights of Columbus, origin of the council, and current activities and projects.
- **COMMUNICATIONS**: Current (and previous) newsletters / council bulletins should be posted on-line.
- **RECRUITMENT**: There should be a visible means for a prospective candidate to contact the council for further information and potential membership.
- **LINKS**: It is recommended that council websites have working links to other websites containing pertinent Knights of Columbus issues.
- **GALLERIES**: Councils should always promote their activities and programs via photographs. Good galleries should contain photos promoting the hard work of a council as well as fraternal activities.

Please enter your Council in the State Website Contest - <http://www.njkofc.org/?id=396> – extended deadline is March 31, 2016. "Best Council Website" will be judged, then awarded to winners in the 5 Dioceses at the State Convention next May



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

It is now October and a quarter of our year is over. I hope all of the plans that we've made we are putting into practice. We have our **MEMBERSHIP DRIVES (BLITZ)** arranged at our parishes, the **RETENTION PROCESS** is being followed and we are bringing in new members. As always let us think outside the box and remember every affair, every outing and every chance to be with the public, is a **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**. The majority of the men that we meet are waiting to be asked to become a Knight. In my own council, a new member at his first meeting asked if we have a website and if not, could he start one. This does happen, but only if we bring in new members and new ideas.

Let's keep our degree teams busy. This will definitely keep us on track for **STAR COUNCIL**, our overall goal for this year. I hope all of you have gained from our Diocesan Membership & Leadership training as well as Financial Secretary training. If you know of a possibility for New Council Development please contact me or your District Deputy so we can pursue this undertaking.

Remember that the new incentive program has been set up to assist your council with their per capita as well as your **STAR COUNCIL** goal:

1. For each member that a council recruits between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 less suspensions that council will be paid \$10.00 per new/reactivated member from the state council. (net total) The amount will be issued as a credit towards their state per capita bill mailed in September.
2. For each new member or reactivated member, the sponsor will be entered into a state drawing at the midterm and end of year Grand Knight's meetings. **COPY OF THE FORM 100** to be sent to the State Membership Director.
3. For Councils that achieve the highest membership intake by diocese and by membership size will be invited to the end of the year Founders Day Dinner.

Criteria for the Founders Day Membership Competition

The Founders Day Membership Award Dinner and Recognition has been reinstated by State Deputy Bruce DeMolli. It will be based upon the membership results at the end of March, nearly coinciding with Founders Day of the Order, March 29. Announcements and invitations will follow.

Council Winners:

Within each diocese, councils compete against each other within the size category to which they belong. There are 5 size categories, so there may be 5 winning councils per diocese. The council with the highest percentage net gain in its category within its diocese is the winner. The size categories for this competition are: 75 or less total members, 76 to 125, 126 to 200, 201 to 325, 326 members and above.

The net gain for a council is the recruitment gain less suspensions at the end of March, 2016. This is divided by the number of "active" members as of July 1, 2015 to obtain the percentage. The number of active members is the total membership less the number of Inactive Insurance Members as of July 1, 2015. Note however, that the total membership is used to determine the size category to which a council belongs.

A restriction is imposed that the winning councils must **not** have significant suspensions in the months following the March 31 date. There is also a 1.0% minimum requirement for a winning council. Top councils less than 0.1% of each other would be considered as tied and can result in two or more winners. Councils formed during the current Columbian Year would not be eligible for this award.

All membership measurements used are those given in the NJ membership report distributed to district deputies each month by the State Council.

District Deputy Winners:

- In each diocese, the district deputy with the highest percentage net gain, but at least 1.0
- Any district deputy in the state that institutes a New Council by March 31
- Any district deputy in the state that reactivates an (Inactive Council) as determined by The State Council on March 31

I can't stress it enough that the entire membership team is there for you. All you must do is ask and we will be there for you.

Your Friend in Christ,

[Michael Vaclavicek, State Membership Director](#)

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

RONALD HALL, FDD, STATE CHAIRMAN

As we end the summer season, the children in our communities have started another school year and many will soon start their parish CCD program. I hope that each Grand Knight is promoting and conducting the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

The beginning of the school year is the ideal time for Grand Knights to contact schools and CCD classes and ask them to partner with us in our KCIC Poster Contest Youth Activity. A short in-person contact with the school principal or CCD Director or a brief phone call is all it takes to get the ball rolling. It could be part of a child's art project, his/her public service project for CCD or some other voluntary project.

I also encourage you to emphasize the fact that the family can get involved in this project and that it is a fun project. Our Catholic mothers and fathers can show their children that our faith is one that can be shared among their friends and among their families. Also, you can let them know that in each of the last two years a New Jersey poster was named International runner-up by the Supreme Council. The program highlights the local Council and is another tool to recruit new members from the participants' families.

If your Council has not yet ordered the KCIC program packets from Supreme Council, now is definitely the time to do so as the packets may take as long as four weeks to arrive. Supreme Council Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Kits are available in English and in Spanish. The Order Form along with contest rules can be found at the website noted above. Telephone orders are also accepted. The kits are free of charge.

Our Diocesan Chairmen, listed below, and I are ready to help you in any way we can. Winning Council posters must be forwarded to the respective Diocesan Chairman no later than January 15, 2016

Newark Archdiocese Charles Churchill III 830 Roosevelt Ave. Secaucus, NJ 07094 Phone # 201 348-6336 Email - churchill10@comcast.net	Camden Diocese Matthew R. Gagnon 5922 Laurel St. Mays Landing, NJ 08330 Phone # 609/965-7848 Email - mgagnon5922@comcast.net	Metuchen Diocese George V. French 30 Hemlock Dr. Parlin, NJ 08859 Phone # 732/553-0771 Email - gfrenchjr@aol.com
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Paterson Diocese Michael Heller 1451 Union Valley Rd W. Milford, NJ 07480 Phone # 973/728-4477 Email - mike@mynjplumber.com	Trenton Diocese James Gabster, 44 Sorren Run Mt. Laurel, NJ 07755 Phone # 856/296-5005 Email - jgabster@aol.com	State KCIC Chairman Ron Hall 209 Joanne Dr Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234 Phone # 609/653-0361 Email - SKRonHall@comcast.net
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A few hours of our time in support of this program can help instill in our children and their families a truer understanding and appreciation for what Christmas really means - the birthday of our Savior.

Thank you for all you do in Protecting our Faith.



2014 Supreme Council Runner-up
 Ruby Rodriguez, Lyndhurst, NJ

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

JOSEPH WICKHAM, FDD SPECIAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

By the time you read this we will have been blessed with the historic visit of Pope Francis for the World Meeting of Families. Some of you may have had the chance to attend one of the events or Masses and see our Pontiff in person. He is calling for a time of unity and healing within the family and a time to draw closer to the ideals that God intended from the beginning.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Families:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love, to you we turn our trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
May families never again experience
violence, rejection and division:

May all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
May the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of
the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.

Building the Domestic Church; the Family Fully Alive

In keeping with the Pope's theme of protection and healing for families the Supreme Council has used a beautiful portrait of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra for this year's Devotion Program. We will have images in each of the dioceses that will be scheduled through the Diocesan Chairmen and the District Deputies. Please begin to consider ways that your parish, council, school and religious education programs may be able to host devotions to our Holy Family. <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/domestic-church/getting-started.html> This link to the Supreme website will give you additional resources and insights on devotions for both at home and in larger communities. The health of our world and local communities directly depends on the health of our individual families. Please pray!

May God bless and keep us,
Vivat Jesus,

[Joe D. Wickham, OFS,](#)
[Director of Special Programs](#)



1ST NJ DISTRICT



Worthy Sir Knights:

I wish to thank our Worthy State Deputy, Bruce DeMolli, for the opportunity to share information related to the 4th Degree of our Order with you.

In the 1st NJ District, the Exemplification of the 4th Degree will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 1:00 PM at The Fiesta in Wood-Ridge. The honoree of this degree is Associate State Chaplain Msgr. Michael T. Mannion.

The Supreme Master has announced a new recognition award for the 4th Degree – Star Assembly. The following outlines the specifics related to achieving Star Assembly status:

CRITERIA FOR ATTAINING THE STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD

- Publish and distribute to the assembly membership a minimum of six Assembly Newsletters during the 2015-2016 fraternal year. A copy of each newsletter must also be sent (either in print or electronically) to the Vice Supreme Master.
- Meet the assembly's membership goal, with a net gain of 10% additions over deletions. Earn the Civic Award by conducting a minimum of four patriotic programs during the 2015-2016 fraternal year, and reporting those programs to the Supreme Master by June 30, 2016 on the Civic Award Application.
- Complete and submit to your District Master by April 30 the To Be A Patriot Award application.
- Complete and submit the Report of Officers Chosen for the Term (#186) and the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) by their respective due dates. The Fraternal Survey form is due January 31, 2016. The office report form was due July 1 but, for Star Assembly qualification purposes **FOR THIS YEAR ONLY**, forms received on or before December 1, 2015 will be considered "on time".

NOTE: All required forms for the Star Assembly Award can be found on the Assembly Forms page of kofc.org/forms.

Membership in the 4th Degree is open to all 3rd Degree members who have at least 6 months of service in the Order. Please feel free to contact me regarding membership in the 4th Degree.

For more information about the 1st NJ District, please visit our website at <http://www.firstnjdistrict.org> or our Facebook page at [1st NJ District - 4th Degree - Knights of Columbus](#).

VIVAT JESUS!

[Russell D. Petrocelli,](#)
[Master, 1st NJ District](#)

2ND NJ DISTRICT

My Brother Knights,

The Exemplification of the Fourth Degree for the Second NJ District will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the Cherry Hill Crowne Plaza. **Registration for Candidates will begin at 11:00 a.m.,** with the **Exemplification ceremony starting promptly at 1:00 p.m.** So that we can efficiently proceed with registration, candidates MUST present their Traveling Cars and provide the registrar with the name and number of the Assembly they are joining. Candidates MUST be dressed properly for the Degree when reporting.

DRESS REGULATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- **Standard Black Tuxedo ~ NO formal tails;**
- **Black Cummerbund ~ NO vests;**
- **White formal pleated shirt, with FULL COLLARS ~ NO ruffles and NO WING COLLARS;**
- **Black Bow Tie;**
- **Black Dress shoes and Black Socks ~ NO sneakers or casual shoes;**
- **NO GLOVES;**
- **DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED!!!**

Entertainment will be provided for your ladies starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room. The Exemplification Banquet will take place in the main ballroom starting at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner reservations for candidates's guests should be made through the Assembly's Faithful Comptroller. Candidate's dinner fee is included in the registration fee. Dinner tickets for guests are \$45.00 per person. The deadline for dinner reservations is November 6, 2015. Please get dinner reservations in to the dinner chairman, Gary Seals, as soon as possible.

Deadline for entries in the Banquet Ad Journal is Friday, October 23, 2015. This will allow sufficient time for the printer to assemble and print the Ad Book.

ALL FORMS needed for this event can be downloaded from the District website:

www.secondnjdistrict.org

I can be reached at Master@secondnjdistrict.org

We look forward to presenting our Degree Honoree, State Deputy Bruce De Molli and meeting our new Fourth Degree Brother Knights on Sunday, November 15.

Vivat Jesus

[Chester Kulak, D.M.D.](#)

[Master – 2nd NJ District](#)



BULLETIN BOARD

SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

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

CAMDEN:

- 1st [Monday, 10/5](#) Council 1443
Haddon Twp
- 1st [Monday, 10/19](#) Council 3784
Cherry Hill
- 1st [Monday, 10/19](#) Council 7463
Waterford

METUCHEN:

- 1st [Sunday, 10/4](#) Council 5959
Martinville

NEWARK:

- 1st [Sunday, 10/4](#) Council 3550
Ridgefield
- 3rd [Friday, 10/9](#) Council 2842
Rochelle Park
- 1st [Monday, 10/12](#) Council 1178
Bloomfield
- 2nd [Wed, 10/14](#) Council 3550
Ridgefield
- 2nd [Wed, 10/14](#) Council 1178
Bloomfield
- 3rd [Friday, 10/23](#) Council 3550
Ridgefield

PATERSON:

- 1st & 2nd [Thursday, 10/22](#) Council 6343
West Milford
- 3rd [Friday, 10/23](#) Council 6343
West Milford

TRENTON:

- 2nd [Friday, 10/16](#) Council 8603
Bayville
- 1st [Monday, 10/19](#) Council 5903
Englishtown
- 3rd [Friday, 10/23](#) Council 8603
Bayville
- 1st [Tuesday, 10/27](#) Council 1672
Freehold

*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>CHARTERED</u>	<u>YRS</u>
12833 - Berlin	10/1/2000	15
371 - Bayonne	10/ 2/1898	117
262 - Passaic	10/ 3/1897	118
2544 - Dunellen	10/ 8/1924	
2861 - Lodi	10/12/1942	73
8478 - Parlin	10/12/1983	32
11873 - East Brunswick	10/12/1996	19
14675 - Watchung	10/12/2008	7
3359 - Denville	10/15/1950	65
2842 - Rochelle Park	10/19/1941	74
13991 - Irvington	10/22/2005	10
1280 - Carteret	10/24/1907	108
14658 - Monroe Twp	10/27/2008	7
1277 - Montclair	10/29/1907	108
6411 - New Brunswick	10/29/1972	43
6621 - Vineland	10/31/1974	41

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 may have to limit the publishing list to the names of councils celebrating their **25th, 50th, 75th and 100th Anniversary** during the current month.]

CULTURE OF LIFE

Brothers:

Pro-Life Month is upon us, and hopefully your council has already lined up some great programs. If you need some help with them, please feel free to contact your Regional Coordinator. I am sure he would be happy to be of assistance.

- **40 Days for Life.** Participating in this program, already in progress, is a great way to celebrate Pro-Life Month. An e-mail Blast has already been sent to your Grand Knight with lots of useful information on how you can take part. You can also get more information on the program [here](#).
- **Life Chains & Truth Booth Cards.** Are you doing a Life Chain in front of an abortion mill as part of our Abortion Facilities Vigil program? Great! But please be sure that your participants are well supplied with Truth Booth cards to hand out when the opportunity presents itself (and hopefully it will). These chains allow us to make a public statement through prayer and example, while taking the opportunity to educate young pregnant women visiting the center by giving them the card. One of the best ways to turn them away from killing their unborn child is by getting them to view that 3-minute video.
- **Prayers for Babies.** Is your council holding a Respect Life Mass on October 22? I realize that that's a Thursday, but that just allows us to set aside that evening to pray for an end to abortion. Talk to your pastor about it if you have not already, or have your council's chaplain hold a special Mass in your hall or where you meet. This is an issue that really needs prayer!
- **Share in Life.** Pregnancy Resource Centers and Maternity Homes throughout New Jersey work tirelessly every day towards a Culture of Life. They need our financial support to ensure they are able to continue. This program has, sadly, seen a decline in participation over the past couple of years, and needs a boost. Please consider a donation to one of the charities listed on pages 10-14 through 10-16 of your Grand Knight's Handbook.

A great way to raise the money for this is to have a Baby Bottle Boomerang drive. Councils all over the state are raising literally thousands of dollars doing this, and you can too! If you need information on this program, contact your Regional Coordinator or the program chairman, PGK Mark Kiernan at 856-261-3074.

- **Save a Life Program.** Does your council, chapter or federation have money raised for an ultrasound machine but no place to put one? Then consider using some or all of that money to support a pregnancy care center where a machine has already been placed! It costs money to perform ultrasounds, and we have a moral obligation to be there to help! That money can help save a life!

Good luck with Pro-Life Month! We'd love to hear all about how you participated. Be sure to submit a reporting form with the details!

Vivat Jesus

[Steven J. Richardson, FM](#)

[Culture of Life Programs Director](#)

**Have a
Heart
for the
Innocent**

 **Protect Children**



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Brothers,

In many ways, the celebration of Christmas has become a paradox: It is, of course, a time to celebrate the birth of Christ, to give generously to charity and to spend time with family. At the same time, Christmas is often a time of heightened frustration as people overspend on lavish gifts and suffer bouts of consumer rage in the malls, in the supermarkets and on the roadways. Communicating the fundamental meaning of Christmas is hard enough without having to search in vain for greeting cards that don't compromise the holiday's Christmas meaning.

This motivation led a Brother Knight, Robert Canfield of Council 562, and like-minded Virginia Knights to launch the "Keep Christ in Christmas" greeting card program in 1989. Since then the program has grown into an evangelization program in 49 of our 50 states and gone international to Canada and Puerto Rico. The initial Christmas card offerings have expanded to include Christmas cards in Spanish, Italian, Polish, Ukrainian, Tagalog, French and cards with African-American and Native-American Madonna and Child depictions. Other product offerings that have been added include magnets, bumper stickers, Christmas seals, Christmas ornaments, and banners of all sizes.

To review the total line of program offerings, please go to www.ChristisCHRISTmas.com.

The NJ State Keep Christ in Christmas program was initiated over five years ago. The program is also an opportunity for fundraising. My Council has participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas program for 10 years and have always been able raise funds that we donate to a needy family in our parish or town that needs assistance at this special time of year.

The process to get involved is relatively simple. A Council needs to contact the NJ State Keep Christ in Christmas program chairman, Brother Pete Kudless @ pkudless@verizon.net or call him @ 856-794-4000 X 4380.

In addition there is a summary of the program in the Grand Knight's manual that is informative about the program.

I'm urging all Councils to consider participating in the NJ Keep Christ In Christmas program this year. It really helps us to "remember the reason for the season".

Order forms are available on the State Council web site or by contacting the Chairman listed below. Order no later than Black Friday after Thanksgiving for guaranteed delivery before Christmas.

Peter Kudless PGK
614 Somerset Road
Turnersville, NJ 08012
(856) 589-3194



Upcoming Events:

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

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

2015

- October 12 – Columbus Day – Fly your Flag
- October 15 - Reports Due
- October 17 - Regional Soccer Challenge
Trenton and Camden
- October 18 – Regional Soccer Challenge - Newark
- October 23 - 25 State Council Retreat
- October 24 – Regional Soccer Challenge
Metuchen and Paterson
- October 31 - All Hallows Eve
- November 1 - All Saints Day
- November 2 – All Souls Day
- November 11 - Veteran’s Day - Fly your Flag
- November 15 - 4th Degree Exemplification –
2nd NJ District
- November 15 - Reports due
- November 22 - 4th Degree Exemplification –
1st NJ District
- November 26 - Thanksgiving - Fly your Flag
- December 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Fly your Flag
- December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 15 - Reports Due
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- December 31 - New Year’s Eve

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



OCTOBER 2015						
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