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State Deputy



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State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

Very shortly we will be again be meeting at our annual State Convention in Wildwood N.J. Our guest speaker for our state banquet on Saturday evening will be Bishop Paul Bootkoski, our State Chaplain. We hope and encourage all councils to register and participate at our 121st annual convention. Our committee, again chaired by State Advocate James Stoeber, has been working very hard to ensure another successful convention. Please make every effort to attend. You will find the schedule of events included in this newsletter. Please see our state web site for more information.

All councils are now encouraged to begin to submit to Supreme the form SP7 for star council award during the month of May. If you are going to complete an activity in May or June you can include this on your report and e-mail it to Supreme. All Grand Knights should check with their DD's before submitting this report to ensure that it has been completed correctly. We are looking for 55 or more star councils to meet our 2017 goals. You can send in this report SP7 beginning in May. All areas must be completed in order to qualify.

Our membership and programs continue to grow in New Jersey because of the dedication and commitment of so many brother knights. I thank everyone for your service to our order. God Bless all of you. See you at our State Convention

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From the Editor's Desk

Welcome to Spring, and with it the annual Spring cleanups, vacation planning, thinking of ways to get a day off without losing vacation days, and the State Convention.

I hope you are planning to come down to Wildwood for the weekend. Not only will there be M&M's (Masses and Meetings) and a Blood Drive, but it should be a fun filled weekend for you and your family. After the meetings, there is plenty to keep you and your family busy, swimming at the wide beaches in Wildwood, walking on the boardwalk with your spouse, taking the kids to the amusement park and rides, spend some time down in Cape May.

Please consider donating blood during the blood drive on Saturday morning. Each blood donation could save 3 lives, or Double Red Cell donations save more lives. Use this [link](#) to make an appointment to donate this year at convention. Make donating a family event.

In the coming months, many of you will be filing your Council's Directory information. I ask that you be as accurate as you possibly can be. This information will go into the printed Directory, as well as the online version. Most of the state will use the printed book when they are looking for contact information. If your information is incorrect, it will take that much longer to get in touch with you. If a Grand Knight or District Deputy wish to bring someone to a Degree at your Council and the information is incorrect, then that member will not be able to advance, or a council will miss out on a chance to bring in a new member.

If your phone number changes, or you move or change your email address, please send an email to Bernard Ernst, FDD, the State Council Webmaster at webmaster@njkofc.org. This will enable us to change the online directory, as well as the email servers we use to send important notices.

Something worth considering is attending the Supreme Convention, which this year will be held in St. Louis, August 1, 2, 3. The Supreme Convention gives you a chance to meet members and their families, not only from our delegation, but also from around the world. The friendships you make can change your life in ways you cannot imagine. I attended my first one in Anaheim and found it to be not only exciting, but informative. I learned how the KofC reaches people not only around this country, but around the world.

I hope to see you at the State Convention in Wildwood.

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

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE



2017 STATE CONVENTION AGENDA ~ FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

The 121st Annual State Convention Convention Business Schedule Friday, May 19, 2017

9: 00 am	Opening Mass	St. Ann's Church, North Wildwood
11:30 am	Wreath Laying Ceremony	Columbus Monument
12:00 pm	Business session-Call to Order	Bruce De Molli, State Deputy
	State Warden's Report	Raymond Sands, State Warden
	Opening prayer	Bishop Paul Bootkoski
	Presentation of Colors	2nd NJ District
	Pledge of Allegiance	Raymond Sands
	Introduction of Dignitaries	Bruce De Molli
	Reading of "Call to Convention"	Bruce De Molli
	State Deputy's Remarks	Bruce De Molli
	Appointment of Convention Committees	Bruce De Molli
12:30 pm	Membership Directors Report & Awards	Michael Vaclavicek
	General Program Director's Report & Awards	James Sweeney
2:55 pm	Closing Prayer	Rev. Msgr. Michael Mannion Associate State Chaplain
3:00 pm	Adjournment	
3:05	Committee Meetings	

2017 STATE CONVENTION AGENDA ~ SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

The 121st Annual State Convention Convention Business Schedule Saturday, May 20, 2017

9:30 am	Business Session, Call to Order State Warden's Report Opening Prayer Pledge of Allegiance Introduction of Dignitaries	Bruce De Molli, State Deputy Raymond Sands, State Warden Bishop Paul Bootkoski Raymond Sands Bruce De Molli
9:50 am	State Chaplain's Remarks	Bishop Paul Bootkoski
10:00 am	State Deputy's Report	Bruce De Molli
10:25 am	Supreme Knight Representative: Report	Dr. Daniel Rossi PSD, Supreme Director
10:40 am	Introduction of General Agents Insurance Agency Remarks	Charles Miraglia G.A.
11:00 am	Reports of Standing Committees Distribution: Per Capita: Mileage: Good of the Order: Religious and Civil Rights Appreciations: Credentials Resolutions:	Reginald Beckett, PSD,FSD,VSM William Birtwistle, PSD Herbert Meyer, PSD Robert Mate, PSD, FVSM W. James White PSD., FSD Andy Lipenta, PSD Robert Hatler, State Secretary James Stoever, State Advocate
11:30 pm	State Council's Auditor Report	Michael Fabian
11:40 pm	Chief Squires Report Father Murray & John Attardo Scholarships	Peter Briody, Director
12:30 pm	Nominations and Elections of Officers	
2:00 pm	Nominations and Elections of Delegates and Alternates to the Supreme Convention	
2:20 pm	State Deputy's Closing Remarks	Bruce De Molli
2:45 pm	Closing Prayer	Msgr. Michael T. Mannion
3:00 pm	Adjournment	
4:30 PM	Closing Mass	St. Ann's Church, North Wildwood

Highlighted Program of the Month

RSVP

Refund Support Vocations Program

How do you feel about the Priests in your Parish? Do they work hard serving the Parish in many ways: celebrating Mass; meeting with parishioners; handling the business affairs of the Parish, meeting with his Knights of Columbus Council. They do a lot that isn't visible, visiting the homebound, the elderly and the ill; going to give the last rites.

We thank them for their Vocation by assisting at Mass as Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans. We thank them at our Annual Pride in our Priests Dinners and Bishop's Night celebrations. But, as we all know, there aren't enough Priests right now. Luckily, there are young people away from their families right now as you read this, studying to become our Priests and Nuns of tomorrow.

The Knights of Columbus has a program that started right here in New Jersey, the RSVP Program. Councils, Columbian Squire Circles and Fourth Degree Assemblies donate funds to support the vocations of Seminarians, Postulates, and Novices. Funds raised by Knights of Columbus units are eligible for a Supreme Council refund of \$100.00 for every \$500.00 contributed by a Council or Assembly, and \$20.00 for every \$100.00 contributed by a Circle.

The Council Report Forms Booklet, in the Surge with Service packet issued by the Supreme Council, contains the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) application (Form 2863A). Grand Knights should complete this application, ensuring that the Seminarians, Postulants and or Novices names are listed, along with a copy of the Council's check, the amount, the date, and the name of the Seminary or Convent. Grand Knights should also indicate if the Council is applying for an RSVP Vocations Plaque.

NOTE: The report (Form 2863A) is due by June 30th to the Supreme Council.

A Copy of the report should be kept for the Council files and one should be mailed to the NJ State Vocations Chairman:

SK Reginald F. Beckett, KHS, VSM, PSD
300 Third Ave. Haddon Heights, N.J. 08035
(856) 546-6226

reginald.beckett@njkofc.org



PROGRAM CORNER

Brothers,

Wow, this year has gone by fast and yet we have so much more to do. May is a busy month for everyone, but as the knights of Columbus, we have a full plate. We of course celebrate Mothers this month on Mother's day, May 14th. Don't forget to honor those Mothers close to you. In addition, as an idea for your Council to work with your Parish, maybe you want to order St. Mary prayer cards or flowers for Mom's that you could distribute at your Parish on Mother's Day Masses. This is a way to show our support of the family, Parish and community we serve. We are witnesses to First Communion celebrations and school graduations. Honor those achievements with the Firsts Communion Kits for the Communicants and Celebrate Graduates in your Parish with a Certificate. Again, this shows our support for our Parish and Community. Ending the month, we remember those who have died in our nation's service on Memorial Day. Be sure your council honors those who served by involvement in Memorial Day services or Parades.



We are also called to our 121st convention as the members of our Order of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus! We are just about at the end of our Columbian Year journey. Be sure to celebrate our successes as Catholic men, living Father Michael J. McGivney's Dream. Visit the 121st convention in Wildwood on May 19th and 20th. Make plans to attend during the day, or stay a night or two, either way joining in the fraternal fellowship! Be there to congratulate our brothers in their faith and dedication to uphold the principles we all cherish while lending support and strength to our parishes, families and fellow knights. Hear your resolution and the resolutions others have shared, and know the path we have chosen together as brother knights. Come and network with your Catholic brothers. Be there to personally pick up the achievement awards that you have so humbly earned for being God's hands and making miracles happen. Your actions and dedication truly makes a difference and defines us as Knights of Columbus. I look forward to shaking your hand and personally saying "Thank you and congratulation for all that you do in the name of our Order!"

May Program Considerations:

5/14 - Mother's Day

5/19 & 5/20 – the 121st New Jersey State Council Convention, Wildwood NJ.

June programs to be considered and acted upon:

6/25 - State Tank Pull Competition, Clifton. Register on line www.tankpullkofc.org

Do not forget to submit your reports. You should be reporting your Intellectual Disabilities Drive collection and distribution report. Also, remember to get your form SP7- Columbian Award Application filled out and sent to Supreme. After all the hard work on activities your Council has performed, give them the opportunity to be honored for the good we do. Also it is never too late to contribute to the scholarship award funds!

I hope to see you all at the Convention. 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,

[James Sweeney, FDD](#)

[NJ State Program Director](#)

General Agents Corner

What are you waiting for?

A recent study done by Experian Credit bureau showed that 73% of Americans die with debt. That debt averages \$62,000 for each man or woman who dies.

A recent study by the Life Insurance Market Research Associates, (LIMRA), showed that 7 out of 10 families would not be able to pay their bills if one of the wage earners died, was injured or is too sick to go to work.

The Social Security administration did a study that shows that the segment of the population that is falling below the poverty line at the highest rate is single women, (divorced, widowed or never married), over the age of 70.

So.....what are you waiting for? Why have you not met with your Knights of Columbus insurance agent?



Do you love your family?

Do you want to be sure that if something happened to you or your spouse they could live in your home? Stay in the town and school district where your kids go to school now?

Do you want to be certain that if you got sick or were in an accident and couldn't go to work there would be money coming in to pay your bills?

Are you worried that when one spouse dies, the surviving spouse loses income.

Are you waiting until someone you know has to pay their bills with a go-fund-me page? Are you waiting until a friend or relative dies and the family loses everything. Sometimes we need to see a tragedy up close and personal before we are moved to act.

Don't wait. There's an old saying don't put off until tomorrow, what you can do today. In insurance terms that is even more important. Today, you are healthy, (maybe not so next week or next month). Today, you have the ability to meet with an agent and learn what holes you have in your insurance program. You can't wait until you are sick or dying to get insurance, that's not how this works.

We are all doing some spring cleaning around the house and the yard. Meet with your Knights of Columbus agent and spring clean your insurance program and make certain you and your family are protected. That's what being a Knight is, taking care of those whose care is entrusted to us. Be that Knight in shining armor and meet with your agent. That's who we are and what we do.

[Charles Miraglia,](#)
[General Agent,](#)



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

My Brother Knights,

It's hard to believe that there is only 2 months left in this fraternal year. Most of us ran our membership drives in March and are following up with any prospect cards and signed form 100's. Let's not wait to get these new members to a degree. If there are no degrees in your area you can read the admission degree or use the disc. This is a good time to review where you stand as far as making **STAR COUNCIL**. Do we have the members needed, the required insurance members and the necessary programs? If not there is still time. Meet with your insurance agent, solicit a few more members and plan a couple more programs. If you need assistance with any of these things, please do not hesitate to call the Membership Team.

Again it is time to THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. Use social media to advertise your events and your church activities. Remember what you post on Facebook goes from one friend to the next friend to the next friend and on and on.

On the state level, we are still actively looking to bring in 5 or 6 new Ethnic Councils by July 1st. Our Membership Team has been reaching out and assisting Grand Knights, District Deputies and Insurance Agents throughout the state. Our Retention Team seems to never sleep and are looking to educate councils on the correct procedure to either retain or suspend members.

Founders Day is coming up in June at the Avenel Council. Councils that have achieved the highest membership intake by diocese and membership size will receive awards. District Deputies with the highest percentage net gain in each diocese and any District Deputy in the state that instituted a new Council by March 31st will receive awards. Check your records, watch your drops and stay in contention for this award.

This year's Convention will be May 19th and 20th. We will be thanking Bruce DeMolli for 2 great years and electing a new State Deputy. This is a great opportunity to renew friendships with members throughout the state. Bring the family, bring the kids and make it a great Knights of Columbus weekend in Wildwood.

Your friend in Christ,

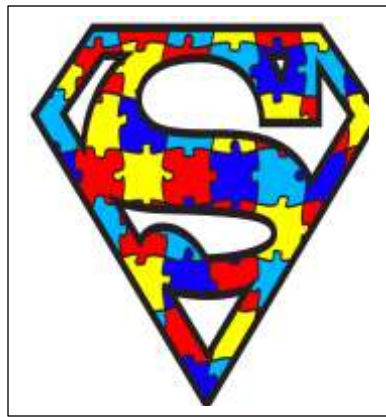
[Mike Vaclavicek, FDD](#)
[State Membership Chairman](#)

"Protecting God's Kingdom"



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Good Day Good People,



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 your 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.



Hoping to see you all at the convention, and treat your wife and mother extra special this Mother's Day!

[Peace and Goodness, Vivat Jesus,](#)
[Joe Wickham, OFS, PGK, FDD](#)

CULTURE OF LIFE

Brothers:

As you know, May is a very important month in the Pro-Life calendar: Mother's Day Month! It is a time to honor not only mothers with children, but expectant mothers, especially those who are facing a very important decision: whether to continue being mothers! As Knights for Life, we should be making an extra effort this month to ensure that all expectant mothers make the right decision! Plan a diaper drop, a Rose Sale, or a baby bottle drive, but do something special!

This month is also important because it is when we gather in convention at Wildwood. The Culture of Life team will be there in full force, so please plan to stop by our table and take part in what is going on. LifeNet will also be there, so plan on chatting with them about what you can do for the 20/20 Project. This is a key initiative of Catholic Citizenship to promote and insure the passage of the Pain-Capable Child Protection Act.

Babies in the womb can feel pain after 20 weeks, yet New Jersey has legalized abortion during all three trimesters, If we can get this law passed, we are that much closer to ending abortion completely in New Jersey! But why wait until the convention? Take a brief moment now and [contact your Senator and Assemblyman to support the Act](#).

Diaper Drop. We will be holding a Diaper Drop at the convention again this year! Please be sure to remind your council's delegates and alternates (and everyone else coming down for the weekend) to pick up a couple boxes of diapers and wipes on their way to Wildwood! Bring them to the convention center and drop them off at our table. If you took part in the State Council Spiritual Adoption program, please be sure to bring something for the Virtual Baby Shower.

Adoption As An Option. We will have adoption car magnets on hand for purchase as well. For only \$4, you can drive home making a powerful statement on the road that adoption is a far better option than abortion. Want to order some magnets for your council? Find out how at this [LINK](#). Is there an adoptive father in your council? Then get him involved in a program to support the efforts of others looking to start or grow a family through adoption. E-mail our [State Chairman Dave Busarello](#).

Baby Bottle Boomerang. Have you held a baby bottle drive in 2017? If not, plan one this month! Councils throughout the state have reported raising a total of over \$67,000 with this drive, an awesome achievement! I am sure that that number is actually much higher due to the efforts of councils who have not reported. If not a baby bottle drive, how about a rose sale? This is the time for a final push, as we raise and donate tens of thousands of dollars for the cause for Life!

Hope to see you in Wildwood!

Keep up the great work!

[Steven J. Richardson, FM](#)

[Culture of Life Programs Director](#)



Patriotic Corner

My Dear Brother Sir Knights:

It is hard to believe that May is here already and we are looking forward to a great State Convention in Wildwood on May 19 and 20.

May is also the month, in a special way, we honor the Blessed Virgin Mother, and we celebrate her title as the Queen of Heaven with May Crowning ceremonies. If the Color Corps is invited to participate in these ceremonies, bring your family members with you and make this a family affair.



The end of May also brings Memorial Day and in a most way, as a nation, we honor those men and women who gave their lives in the defense of our liberty as a nation. There are many parades and wreath laying ceremonies to honor these brave service members who paid the ultimate price so that we can enjoy our freedom – take the time to honor their memory. Please don't make it a day off from work with shopping and barbeques...these are very nice ways to spend time with the family but make some time on this most special day to do something out of the ordinary. March in a parade...visit the Veterans' Home...attend a wreath laying ceremony...go to Mass...something that makes this day different from every other day.

On April 23, the First New Jersey District held an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree and welcomed 139 new Sir Knights with a degree that honored Sir Knight Dan Rossi, Supreme Director. Over 475 guests attended the banquet that followed the degree and the District presented the Sir Knight of the Year award to Sir Knight Angelo Scalo – a most deserved honor.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Wildwood and continue to support and promote the principle of the 4th Degree – Patriotism.

VIVAT JESUS!

Russell D. Petrocelli

Master

1st NJ District

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Master

1st New Jersey District



The Bulletin Board

SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

DEGREE/DATE	COUNCIL#	LOCATION
<u>CAMDEN:</u>		
1 st ~ May 2	Council 9193	Blackwood
1 st ~ May 3	Council 1443	Haddon Twp
1 st ~ May 15	Council 3784	Cherry Hill
2 nd ~ May 16	Council 1778	Millville
1 st ~ May 22	Council 7463	Waterford
<u>METUCHEN:</u>		
1 st ~ May 15	Council 14675	Watchung
1 st ~ May 18	Council 4907	Spotswood
2 nd ~ May 18	Council 4907	Spotswood
<u>NEWARK:</u>		
3 rd ~ May 5	Council 5427	Twp of Washington
1 st ~ May 21	Council 3550	Ridgefield
<u>PATERSON:</u>		
3 rd ~ May 4 (Sp)	Council 16566	Morristown
1 st ~ May 8	Council 6504	East Hanover
2 nd ~ May 8	Council 6504	East Hanover
1 st ~ May 18	Council 6904	Whippany
1 st ~ May 24	Council 14493	Kinnelon
(Sp) Is a Degree done in the Spanish Language		
<u>TRENTON:</u>		
1 st ~ May 5	Council 3402	Keyport
2 nd ~ May 5	Council 3402	Keyport
3 rd ~ May 12	Council 6201	Jackson
1 st ~ May 17	Council 3826	Barnegat
2 nd ~ May 17	Council 6284	Hightstown
1 st ~ May 18	Council 6520	Medford
2 nd ~ May 22	Council 6520	Medford
2 nd ~ May 23	Council 1672	Freehold

- Candidates and observers should be dressed appropriately, jacket and tie.
- Candidate escorts should have all Degree paraphernalia when arriving at Degree location.

*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



COUNCIL	CHARTERED	YRS
6928 ~ Kearney	May 1, 1977	40
3835 ~ Little Falls	May 2, 1954	63
5959 ~ Martinsville	May 2, 1967	50
1688 ~ East Rutherford	May 4, 1913	104
1954 ~ Boonton	May 4, 1919	98
5714 ~ Maple Shade	May 5, 1965	52
3512 ~ Pennsauken	May 6, 1952	65
3644 ~ Wallington	May 6, 1953	64
5560 ~ Springfield	May 6, 1964	53
5427 ~ Twp of Washington	May 7, 1963	54
514 ~ Dover	May 13, 1900	117
5563 ~ Vernon	May 17, 1964	53
4969 ~ Toms River	May 18, 1960	57
4815 ~ Old Bridge	May 20, 1959	58
426 ~ South Amboy	May 21, 1899	118
2572 ~ North Wildwood	May 24, 1925	92
3426 ~ Maywood	May 24, 1951	66
674 ~ Gloucester City	May 25, 1902	115
3310 ~ Elizabeth	May 28, 1950	67
3533 ~ Livingston	May 28, 1952	65
2607 ~ Penns Grove	May 30, 1926	91

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 the Webmaster's Desk

Passing the Baton

Serving in an elected or appointed position in the Knights of Columbus is very much like a relay race. Many members advance "through the chairs" until the day that they are elected as the Grand Knight of their Council; Financial Secretaries, on the recommendation of their Council's Grand Knight and Trustees, are approved by the State Deputy and appointed by the Supreme Knight for 3-year terms; District Deputies receive suggestions from their peers, are – in the case of New Jersey - recommended by their Diocesan State Officer and the State Deputy and appointed by the Supreme Knight.

It is hoped that the experience learned by each officer is passed on in a continuous manner to their successor. There is a very short learning curve. Even committee chairmen have to hit the ground running.

This is where the NJ State Council's website comes in as an invaluable visible and vibrant tool to help members, officers and chairmen do their tasks in an organized manner.

So how do predecessors ensure success by those who follow them? By leaving behind an organized paper trail; producing project reports highlighting the good and the no-so-good of every project or event conducted by your Council; and training your successor on how to utilize the state website, and the Supreme website.

As soon as a member is elected to an officer or committee position, they should register on the state website. It's easy: Go to www.njkofo.org and click : "Register"; to receive credentials for the Supreme Council website, ensure that the Supreme Council forms 185 and 365 are completed (by Grand Knight or Financial Secretary through Member Management) – paper submissions are no longer accepted.

Supreme just recently created access for certain sections of Member Management for other Council officers. Once registered, based on the level of responsibility, updates will arrive with "warp speed" so that you will have time to act and react to important state and supreme notifications and reminders.

"Back in the day..." Grand Knights received a 350+ page 3-ring binder detailing all the programs conducted by the state. Then came the Grand Knights' Handbook on CD and also available on the state website.

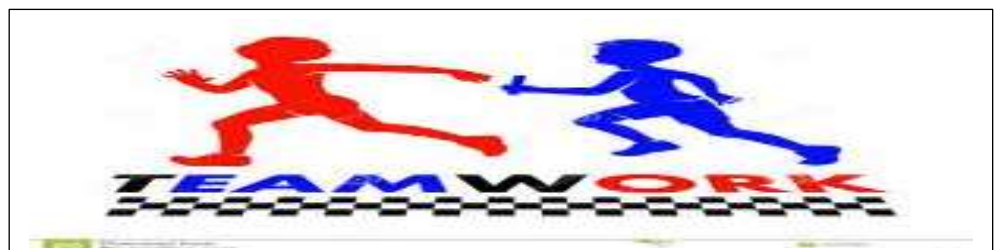
With the prevalence of smart phones, tablets, etc., new this year, and moving forward, the State Council will issue USB "Thumb Drives" to all Grand Knights and District Deputies containing all the data and helpful resources to ensure success.

As always, since 2005, the Grand Knight Handbook, updated as needed, will be available on-line. When in doubt, always seek advice from your predecessors. Their gray hair did not come about just from old age. They have been there and done that. As you move up the ranks, be kind to those who follow in your path – make sure they have a firm grip as you hand off the baton.

As always, consult your District Deputy, and if necessary your State Officers. Don't stumble in your quest due to a failure to ask. There are no dumb questions...only dumb answers!

Finally, you can always reach out to the state webmaster. It is rumored that he answers his phone 24/7 – 732/ 504-7496, or by e-mail webmaster@njkofo.org.

[Vivat Jesus!!!](#)
[Bernard Ernst, Webmaster](#)



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.

2017

- May 2 ~ [Newark Pride in our Priests Dinner](#)
- May 4 ~ [Metuchen Pride in our Priests Dinner](#)
- May 14 - **Mother's Day**
- May 19/20 - [State Convention – Wildwood](#)
- May 29 - **Memorial Day – Fly your Flag**
- [June 17 ~ District Deputy meeting – Piscataway](#)
- [June 24 ~ Grand Knights meeting – Somerset](#)
- June 25 ~ **Tank Pull**
- June 30 – **Year end Reports Due**
- June 30 - **Staff Directory Forms Due**
- June 30 - **Assembly, Chapter, Federation Directory Forms Due**
- July 4 ~ **Independence Day – Fly your Flag**
- July 15 ~ [Installation of State Officers and District Deputies](#)
- July 24 ~ **Parents Day**
- Aug 1, 2, 3 **Supreme Convention – St Louis, Mo.**

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



MAY 2017						
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