



# NJ STATE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## State Deputy's Message



**Andrew E. Lipenta**  
State Deputy



Dear Brothers,

We opened October with the Annual Rosary Rally held at St John Neumann Cistercian Monastery in Mount Laurel on a warm Sunday afternoon; hundreds of worshippers recited the rosary and benediction on Respect Life Sunday October 5. A picture taken at the Rosary Rally and installation council officers is in this issue of the Cavalcade. [LINK](#)

We closed October with the Annual State Council-supported Retreat at San Alfonso.

November will provide us with many opportunities for prayer, for appreciation and for action: From November 1 & 2, the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, we pray for those who, by their lives, their teachings, and their sacrifice have given us as Catholics examples of how we should conduct our lives,

On November 4, Election Day, we must pray for the understanding of the teachings of our Catholic Faith, Religious Freedom and must ask for the strength to make our voices heard in Washington, Trenton, and our local government.

On November 11, Veteran's Day, we pray for those who by their lives, their actions and in many cases, their death gave us the quality of freedom we enjoy in our country.

You will have received a letter from me as State Deputy, asking for donations for State Council Fraternal Giving Program. Please ask all of your council members to try to support this program. Please reach out in your council emails to remind of this program. Often in my travels I am given a business card asking for financial support by State Council for many different programs. This support is only possible from your support. No donation is too small. If you can only give \$5 or \$10, the donation still matters!

Membership growth is vitally important for the well-being of our councils. Please schedule first degrees in your councils.

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Membership retention goes hand in hand with membership growth. By keeping in touch with new members gained throughout the years, we can avoid retention struggles down the road.

Finally, as we drive deeper into the season of fall, every council will have programs to feed and help needy families in your council, parish and community. Two ways you may wish to explore include "Coats for Kids" and "Food for Families".

Mid-Year Meetings are coming on December 6<sup>th</sup> for district deputies and January 10<sup>th</sup> for Grand Knights and details will be mailed to you soon.

In closing, I extend best wishes to all Brother Knights and their families for a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and this wish is also extended from the State Officers and their families. If you are traveling over the holiday, please be safe.

Let us continue our journey through this Columbian year and grow the order so we have a larger base to **Proclaim and Defend our Faith**

Thanks and God Bless

Andrew Lipenta  
State Deputy

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**Thanksgiving:** The dictionary gives these definitions of the word: 1) Act of rendering thanks: 2) A formula expressing gratitude: 3) A public acknowledgement of divine goodness and mercies.

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, what better way is there than to start this day off by going to Mass with your family and friends and thank our Lord for whatever blessings we have received.

On behalf of the E-newsletter staff we wish all our brother Knights & their families a very



# Program Corner

Greetings from the flatlands down Jersey!

November is a time for remembrance, a time for planning, and a time for thanksgiving.

We start the month with All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Let us not forget those who have gone before us in our Order. We are Knights of Columbus because of their diligence, sacrifice, and dedication to our ideals. Let us then celebrate a Mass in their honor. Share in corporate Communion. Afterwards, gather as a parish community to look back and celebrate all we hold dear at this time.

We need to look forward and put our plan together for the Advent season. Whether it is through “Keep Christ in Christmas” magnets or Christmas cards, feeding needy families, clothing children with coats, visiting the shut-in, the sick, or the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, **NOW** is the time to plan and be **on Target**.

Supreme has put together a great curriculum; *Building the Domestic Church – The Family Fully Alive* - [LINK](#). Take advantage of this opportunity to make your family better. There is no better way to prepare for the *World Meeting of Families* in Philadelphia September 2015 - [LINK](#).

Additionally, Supreme has asked us to consider getting a head start on our form 1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. One way is through Supremes’ *Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet*, form 1728A. The form can be distributed at your business meeting or as part of your Council newsletter. The members can complete the forms to make you report easier and more accurate - [LINK](#).

We end the month in thanksgiving for all of our blessings. The Marian devotional (The blessed Immaculate Conception) is a great celebration to give thanks with community and council.

November considerations should be:

- Mass for Deceased members w/corporate Communion and a fraternal gathering
- State Soccer Tournament, **11/9**, Noon, Notre Dame High School, Lawrenceville
- Free Throw Kit order due @ Supreme, **11/01** - [LINK](#)
- Keep Christ Before Us Christmas coloring books – orders due **11/01** - [LINK](#)
- Keep Christ in Christmas Program, **LAST ORDERS DUE - 11/28** - [LINK](#)
- Coats for Kids / Order **NOW** - [LINK](#)
- Feeding Needy Families; Thanksgiving and Christmas - [LINK](#)

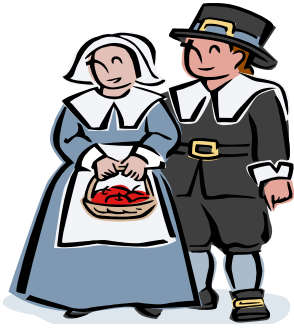
***I need your help!*** Our Councils and community are in need of examples of who we are. Please take the time to chronicle your events in writing and photos – especially the events that define your Council. Then, send them off to your local paper. But, most importantly, please send them to our state magazine, the *Cavalcade!* Submit them to [cavalcade@njkofc.org](mailto:cavalcade@njkofc.org). Other councils will look to your example and success to try new programs.

Let us, together, do our best to develop a calendar of programs with the tools supplied by our State Council and Supreme Council. 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*.

My wife, Barbara, and I wish you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in friendship and fraternity, Ray Sands

## Origin of Thanksgiving Day



The pilgrims reached Plymouth Rock, in what is now the State of Massachusetts, on December 11, 1620, after a sea journey of 66 days. Though the original destination was somewhere in the northern part of Virginia, they could not reach the place, owing to strong winds blowing them off course. By the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of original 102 who sailed on the *Mayflower*, due to the extreme cold of the winter. Pilgrims learned to grow corn, beans and pumpkins from the Indians, which helped them to survive. In the autumn of 1621, they held a grand celebration where all were invited - including 91 natives who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. This communal dinner is popularly known as “the first thanksgiving feast”, and it continued for three days.

There is no evidence to prove if the customary turkey was a part of the initial feast, the food included, ducks, geese, venison, fish, berries etc. Pumpkin pie, a modern staple adorning every dinner table, is unlikely to have been a part of the first thanksgiving feast, the Pilgrims however, did have boiled pumpkin. It was not repeated till 1623, and, then, in June of 1676, they proclaimed June 29 as a day of thanksgiving. A hundred years later, in October of 1777 all 13 colonies joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

After a number of events and changes, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as “Thanksgiving Day” in the year 1863. This was due to the continuous efforts of Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, who wrote a number of articles for trumping the cause .to have a day of thanksgiving.

The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the *fourth* Thursday in November.



## Membership Corner

Brothers,

From time to time I hear from Grand Knights and District Deputies that their council or councils would hold a first degree if "we only had a degree team". Please remember that every council does have a first degree team. With the recent changes from Supreme Council, there is now no reason that a council cannot exemplify the first degree. Councils can hold a degree in four different ways: from Memory; reading the transcript; using the CD for the DGK and Chancellor parts and now, using a DVD which is only 27 minutes long and available from the Supreme website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

There is also no reason to wait until there is a large class. I receive copies of many 450 and 450C forms which are used to report the degrees. Most of the degrees have 3 or 4 or 5 candidates and there are quite a few with 2 candidates. The minimum number of candidates for a first degree is ONE candidate.

Another issue that prevents some councils from holding a first degree is that it is not easy to get the church hall or the location where the council normally meets for an additional night. That is why I encourage you to hold your first degree as part of a regular meeting. There are several advantages to this, first, you do not need to try to get your location for another night, second, you do not have to ask your members to come out for an additional Knights of Columbus function, third, the new members get to see most of a meeting in their very first night as a new member. If you have candidates who have not yet been voted on, they can be voted on while they are waiting in the ante-chamber.

Another issue that concerns some councils is that holding the degree during a regular meeting will make the meeting too long. If this prevents your council from wanting to hold a degree at a regular meeting, please note that there are sections of the regular meeting that can be waived. Any or all the items in the Order of Business that can be waived are listed in your council bylaws and are denoted by an asterisk. The items that can be waived are the following:

- \*Opening Ode.
- \*Treasurer's Report.
- \*Reading by Grand Knight of Receipts of Treasurer to Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Vouchers of Deposit.
- \*Readings of Bills and Communications.
- \*Report of Auditors and Trustees.
- \*Chancellor's Report.
- \*Report of Committees.
- \*New Business.
- \*Good of the Order.
- \*Closing Ode.

Lastly, keep in mind that when you do want to exemplify the first degree in the traditional way, i.e. from memory, you can team up with other nearby councils to see if a team can be built with members from two or more councils, but never let a candidate's form 100 wait for a month or more, use the DVD, the State Deputy recommends it and the Supreme Knight recommends it.

Hold a first degree soon and help grow your council, Brothers. Your pastor needs it. Your council and community need it.

Vivat Jesus

John Erwin, FDD  
Membership Program Director

## Culture of Life Corner

I hope you have had a successful Pro-Life Month with lots of activities! Diaper Drives, Life Chains, Baby Bottle Drives, and Rose Sales play such an important role in what we are trying to accomplish in bringing our country back to a Culture of Life. But we also need you to let us know what you accomplished, so that you can get proper credit! This is so easy to do with our online reporting forms. Check them out!

- [Diaper Drop](#) (be sure to note # of diapers, not boxes)
- [Homes for Mothers](#)
- [Supporting Pregnant Women in Crisis](#)
- [Baby Bottle Boomerang](#)
- [Voter Registration Drive](#)

**Vote!** As for the duties of a Catholic American Citizen, I hope you have November 4 circled on your calendar, so that you go out and vote! The right to vote is a precious one, so let's exercise it proudly! Voter turnout has been low in recent years, as voter apathy increases. Thus we have a greater chance to be heard if we turn out in droves to cast our ballots. Now is one of our greatest opportunities to exercise our Catholic Voice. If we sing as one, we will be heard!

**Turn Off the TV.** I hope that your council participated in this program by turning off the TV on October 21 and spending more time with family. TV entertainment has been such a negative influence in the things that they portray that we need to make this program a priority. We are having another day on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015, so mark your calendars!

**March for Life.** This is a key activity, dampened a bit by the weather last January, but very important. I hope your council or parish is planning a bus to Washington for the March for Life. If so, please be sure to fill out the online form at this [LINK](#), so that we can have a list of buses leaving from around the state, available through the State Council's web site. That way those who want to go, but whose parish or council is not sending a bus, can still catch a ride. Please do this as soon as possible, as the deadline is December 16!

**Alzheimer's Drive.** Many councils are participating in this drive in the fall, with the Disabilities Drive run in the spring. I hope you have taken on this important program and are raising money for respite care support. Please bear in mind that, although participation in their walkathons is great, money raised through them cannot be designated for respite care support. Our goal is \$50,000, which is \$250 from 200 councils, so it doesn't take a lot of work to participate! The reporting form for this program is available on the state council web site through this [LINK](#).

**Deborah Hospital.** Brothers, I cannot stress the importance of this enough. We have slipped dramatically in our support of this wonderful institution, although donations did pick up last year. But if 150 councils each donated \$200, we would make our \$30,000 goal. You can come up with \$200 this year, can't you? Put a jar in your council meeting room and shake it after every meeting; hold a couple of 50-50s. Let's do this!

In the meantime, have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Steven J. Richardson, FM  
Culture of Life Programs Director






# The Bulletin Board

## SCHEDULED DEGREES






[LINK](#)  individual councils below for

DEGREE:                      LINK ,                      LOCATION & DATE:




### **CAMDEN:**

- Second [Council 1443](#)  *Wed. Nov. 5*
- Second [Council 7316](#)  *Thurs. Nov. 13*
- Second [Council 7429](#)  *Thur. Nov. 20*
- Second [Council 7463](#)  *Mon. Dec. 1*

### **METUCHEN:**

- First [Council 2544](#)  *Wed. Nov. 19*
- First [Council 9199](#)  *Wed. Nov. 19*
- First [Council 8478](#)  *Tues. Dec. 6*
- Second [Council 6930](#)  *Wed. Nov. 5*
- Third [Council 2061](#)  *Fri. Nov.28*

### **NEWARK:**

- Second [Council 12769](#)  *Tues. Nov. 25*
- Second [Council 5846](#)  *Wed. Dec. 10*
- Third [Council 4505](#)  *Fri. Nov.21*

### **PATERSON:**

- Second [Council 6320](#)  *Wed. Dec. 3*

### **TRENTON:**

- First [Council 7463](#)  *Mon. Nov. 17*
- First [Council 5903](#)  *Mon. Dec. 1*
- Second [Council 1672](#)  *Tue. Nov. 18*
- Second [Council 7429](#)  *Thurs. Nov. 20*
- Second [Council 7463](#)  *Mon. Dec. 1*
- Third [Council 6201](#)  *Fri. Dec. 12*

[All Website Schedules](#) 



It's not a question of if,  
it's a question of when.....

Can you afford to have your retirement nest egg go down 5%, 10%, 15%.....30%?

I only ask because it's not a question of "if" the market is going to down, and how much, but "when" will it go down. When it goes down, do you have 5 or 10 years to allow your nest egg to build itself up again? If you are under age 45, probably, but over 50, you need to think long and hard before putting your entire retirement nest egg, (or all of your assets), at risk.

If the last twenty five years have shown us, the stock market is a roller coaster, and if it goes up, it is certainly going to come down. Trying to time the market is impossible to the average investor, (and to most financial institutions). So I'll ask again, can you afford to lose 30% of your nest egg?

Chasing high returns is turning into a gamble, as baby boomers retire at a rate of 10,000 a day. In retirement, they are going to draw hundreds of millions of dollars out of their investments to fund their retirement "lifestyle", and this is going to put downward pressure on the market as they pull cash out of stocks. It isn't a question of if they are going to take their money, it is a question of when.

November is when we do fall cleanup at my house, around the yard, but after the kids go back to school, it is also a great time to take a look at your plan for retirement and see if the Order can help you be prepared for what life is going to throw at you in the next ten or twenty years.

Fraternally yours,

*Charlie Miraglia*  
General Agent

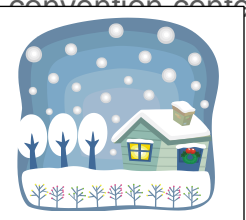


## Coats for Kids



“Coats for Kids” is a program introduced in by the Supreme order wide. The this program was children with coats for the winter. It has reached a high, as of last year’s figures, of 278,000 delivered coats. The coats come in boxes of 12, packed separately, for boys or girls and cost \$220, delivered. Each council will be billed after the coats have been shipped to their destinations.

As an added incentive for this program, the State Council is running an awards program that will be presented at next year’s State Convention. Each council must submit a copy of their Coats for Kid Order Form. Councils must submit their order form no later than March 1, 2015. District Deputies will then select a District winner and forward the name and results to the State Chairman by March 15, 2015. The state Chairman and his committee will select a winner and submit the winner’s name to the State Director no later than April 1, 2015. The State Deputy will honor the winner at the convention center in Wildwood in May.



The forecast is that we will have a rather severe winter this year and warm coats will be sincerely welcomed and appreciated.

If all of our councils purchased just one (1) box of coats, we could supply over 4300 boys and girls with sturdy, warm coats. Let’s show our charity and unity by all councils supporting this program.



## Child ID Kit Program

This is a State Council sanctioned program where councils can order Child ID Kits at no cost to them.

The printing costs are paid for by ads that are printed on the backs of the kits, similar to what you find on the back of a church bulletin. The Kits are ordered from National Child ID Kits/Student Lifeline in Whitestone, Queens, New York. More information on ordering the kits is in the Grand Knight Handbook. **Link**

There has been a substantial delay in getting the Child ID Kits out to the Councils that ordered them. The delay is due to an issue with the printer. More particularly, the printer has had difficulty in finding salesmen, or saleswomen, to sell ads that are printed on the back of the kits. The ads pay for the material and printing costs. Once this situation is resolved, the kits hopefully will be printed and sent to the Councils in a timely manner.

Also, if a Council wishes to order the kits, the Council may do so, with the understanding that there may be a substantial delay in receiving the kits. It is the intention of the State Council to maintain this program as we work to resolve the issue with our printer.

The head of National Child ID Kits, Richard Signarino, is looking to hire salesmen or saleswomen to sell the ads that go on the backs of the kits. Right now, the State Council has a backlog of outstanding orders from Councils because he does not have enough salespeople to sell the ads. This is an opportunity for a Brother Knight, or a Sister Columbiette, who may be looking for work. It would be helpful, but not absolutely necessary, if one has had previous experience with sales involving “cold calling”. Anyone who is interested can call Richard Signarino at 800-543-3829, or e-mail him at [studentlifeline@aol.com](mailto:studentlifeline@aol.com).

Your patience and support of this program is deeply appreciated.

Ray Lillie, FDD  
Chairman





*Celebrating  
Anniversaries  
this Month*



<b>10206– Immaculate Heart of Mary, 11-15-89</b>	<b>20</b>
Wayne	
<b>11459--Our Lady of Perpetual, 11-30- 94</b>	<b>25</b>
- Jersey City	

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.]

What do you do with your E-Newsletter when you are finished reading it? Before you delete it, consider the following: Send it to –



- Family and friends;
- Your membership prospects;
- Local parish priests;
- Your Councils Columbian Squires;
- Add one of your own.

After all, we are proud of what we do! So let’s brag about it by telling others.



## SELECT ARCHIVED ARTICLES:

The following “Editor’s Choice” specially selected past articles of interest are available on our State Website under the [“Media”](#) section:

- [September 2013](#) – “I Hate Selling”
- [October 2013](#) – “Consider using Brochures”
- [November 2013](#) – “Your Role as a K of C Leader”
- [December 2013](#) – “Keep **CHRIST** in **CHRIST**mas”
  - Page 8** – “Saint Nicholas ~ Santa Claus”
  - Are they one and the same?
- [January 2014](#) – “We Can, We Must, We Will”
- [February 2014](#) – “Communications”
  - “Extra, Extra” – Saint Valentine
- [March 2014](#) – “Attention Webmasters”
  - Page 7** – “Saint Patrick”
- [April 2014](#) – “Welcoming Younger Members”
- [May 2014](#) – “Member Retention”
- [June 2014](#) – “Teamwork”
- [July 2014](#) – “The Importance of Planning”
- [August 2014](#) – “What does the K of C do for me?”
- [September 2014](#) – “Have we forgotten them?”

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### [Special Papal Issues:](#)

- [Part 1](#) – “Pope Benedict XVI Resigns”
- [Part 2](#) – “The Process to Elect a New Pope Begins”
- [Part 3](#) – “Habemus Papam” – “We Have a New Pope!!!”

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### [Special May 2014 Convention Issue:](#)

“Publicity”

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# 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.

## 2014

**November 1 ~ Free Throw Competition Kit**

**November 1 ~ Keep Christ Before Us**

**November 20 ~ Newsletter Article Submission Deadline**

**November 28 ~ Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sets**

**December 6 - District Deputy Meeting**

**December 15 – Soccer Challenge Participation Form**

**December 16 – March for Life Bus reporting Form**

**December 20 - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline**

**December 31 – 2014 – 2015 Web Site Contest**

## 2015

**January 10 - Grand Knights Meeting**

**January 20 - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline**

**January 31 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Due**

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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