



# The Crusader



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State Deputy



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## State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

Do you believe 1/3 of the Fraternal Year is gone already?? How can that be? Weren't we just installing the State Officers and District Deputies?

As I write this, we had just taken a ride up the Palisades Parkway to West Point and the changing colors on the trees was a vivid reminder that summer is over and Autumn is here! Not to mention that baseball season is over (around here anyway) and football season is in full swing. Before you know it, Thanksgiving will be here and that should remind us that we have a great deal to be thankful for.

With Halloween and Thanksgiving right around the corner, and Christmas coming up fast, the State Officers are busy preparing for the Mid-term District Deputy meeting, then the Mid-term Grand Knights meetings. Once they are here, more than half the Fraternal Year will be over! Again, how can that be?

Bringing it back to the present, with 1/3 of the year over, that means that, ideally, your Council should be at 1/3 of your goals for membership and programs. Are you? If not, why not? And, I'm not saying that critically. I'm saying, are you reflecting on what went right and what you could do a little better? You have a great deal of resources at your fingertips. We have a complete team of membership and program directors and chairmen whose sole job is to ensure your success. If you are having problems with anything – recruiting, conducting programs, etc. – reach out to them. They are a phone call or email away, and they are more than happy to help.

Membership numbers continue to increase in NJ after a rough first 2 months. Thank you for all your hard work. But, please don't let up. Tell everyone you know why you joined this organization and what they could get out of it. The same with programs. With the holidays fast approaching, think about a coat drive, Breakfast with Santa, Food for the Hungry, etc. There are many programs that your Council can do that not only will help you achieve the Columbian Award, but way more importantly, help fulfill Fr. McGivney's dream of helping our fellow man.

Tamara and I just recently returned from a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Not only were we spiritually renewed, which was the whole purpose of the trip, but I was constantly amazed at how many people would see my KofC shirt and either strike up a conversation about the Knights and what we do, or ask me how they could join. Brothers, you are part of an outstanding organization and I know you are as proud of it as I am.

On behalf of Tamara and I, we want to wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. May God Bless you and yours with Grace, abundance and good health at this special time of the year.

VIVAT JESUS,

[Vincent Tavormina](#), State Deputy

# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

## SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

<u>DEGREE/DATE</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<b><u>CAMDEN:</u></b>		
<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov 6</a>	Council 1443	Haddon Twp
<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> – Nov 17</a>	Council 3532	Hilltop
<b><u>METUCHEN:</u></b>		
<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> – Nov 1</a>	Council 11415	Hillsborough
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 2</a>	Council 6572	New Brunswick
<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> – Nov 8</a>	Council 2483	Hackettstown
<b><u>NEWARK:</u></b>		
<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov 5</a>	Council 7647	Cresskill
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 6 (Spanish)</a>	Council 6209	Union City
<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> – Nov 6</a>	Council 4504	Union
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 12</a>	Council 2188	Westwood
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 18</a>	Council 3428	North Arlington
<b><u>PATERSON:</u></b>		
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 6</a>	Council 6139	Hewitt
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 13</a>	Council 13677	Sparta
<b><u>TRENTON:</u></b>		
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 12</a>	Council 11349	Holmdel
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 12</a>	Council 636	Princeton
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 21</a>	Council 6520	Medford
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> – Nov 26</a>	Council 3826	Barnegat

### Degree Notes:

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

Our Membership Training meetings have been completed in all five of the dioceses and I am very pleased with the turnout and participation of the Membership Chairmen, Retention Chairmen, Grand Knights, and Council Officers who attended. I hope that the information presented will assist you in recruiting new members and retaining our existing members.

The Supreme Council has started the Delta Church Drive which was discussed at these meetings. Hopefully your council has ordered the kits and set up a drive at your parish and have your Pastor on board. This is the new and improved way to hold a church drive. Information can be found on the state website if you did not attend the membership meetings.

At the meetings we asked that each member bring in one new member and we could grow our order. As of today, we have 248 councils that have not brought in one new member. We have over 60,000 members in NJ.

Will your council be able to survive the future if there is no one there to run the programs and council?

As of October 15<sup>th</sup>, we have brought in just over 300 new members with that being 18% of the goal needed for the year.

Is your council/district striving to win the financial incentive for the half of the fraternal year. We will award this in January once all the numbers are in. It is not too late. With 248 councils not reporting a new member everyone still has a chance.

That is a challenge to the District Deputies to work with the Grand Knights and recruit new members to our Order. If any member of the Membership team can ever be of service to you or your council, please feel free to contact us.

[Christopher Duffett, FDD](#)  
State Membership Director

# Upcoming Events:

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

Be sure to make a note of the activities that are scheduled for the next several months.

## November 2019

- Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – [Man Up South Jersey](#)
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – Marine Corps Birthday
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> – [Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – 2<sup>nd</sup> District](#)
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – [Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – 1<sup>st</sup> District](#)
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Metuchen Diocese founding
- Nov 25 – Paterson Diocese Pride in our Priests Dinner
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day

## December 2019

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – District Deputy Midterm Meeting
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> – National Guard Birthday
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup> – Winter Solstice
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day
- Dec 29<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve

## JANUARY 2020

- Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Epiphany
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – Little Christmas
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Baptism of our Lord
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rally for Life - Trenton
- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – March for Life in Washington, D.C.

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members of your Council

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## Quarterly Calendar



### NOVEMBER 2019

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### DECEMBER 2019

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### JANUARY 2020

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# HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS OF THE MONTH

## SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

My Brother Knights, I would like to discuss the Shoulder to Shoulder Program, which was established to foster a strong bond between our Police Departments and the KofC. Since its inception, our Councils and Assemblies have raised funds, over \$2,000.00 of which were donated to the Police to help defray the cost of supplies for school children's needs, such as pencils, erasers, back packs, and other items.

Your efforts have been highly successful and with your continued support we are able to move forward and begin donating to the families of Police Officers who have died in the performance of their official duties.

To those councils and assemblies who have contacted and kept in touch with their local Police Agencies, well done. To those who have not, I ask that you do so soon. It will help if a rapport is established with the departments' Public Relations Officers. For their assistance where needed, as well as seeing how to present a donation to surviving relatives of those who gave their lives.

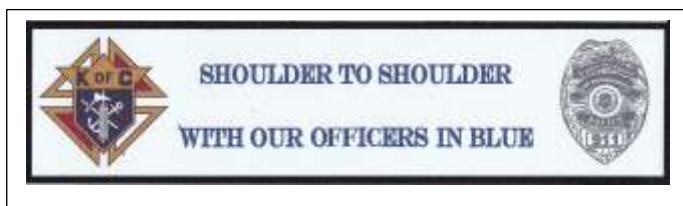
New magnets have been ordered and are expected to be delivered shortly. The new magnets have a small change and will read: "Shoulder to Shoulder with our Officers in Blue".

I would like to know of Programs you have adopted in your Fund Raisers. It will be a great help for our members who are searching for ideas.

As I am a retired Police Officer – a smile, kind word or thank you to an Officer means more than you'll ever know.

[Anthony Barlowski, FDD](#)

State Chairman



## MEMBER RETENTION

Brothers All,

It amuses me to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time.

Do you remember me? I'm the one who asked to join. I paid my dues, and then I was asked to be a loyal and faithful member.

I'm the one who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have other friends to talk with and to sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of those committees or to somehow participate and contribute, but no one did.

Finally, I missed a meeting. The next month no one had asked where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very much whether I was there or not.

On the next meeting date, I decided to stay home and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I was the month before.

You might say I'm a good person and a good worker, and I love my community.

Do you know who else I am?

I'm the member who never came back.

Can we relate to this story, Brothers?

We spend quite a bit of time and energy attempting to recruit new members but sometimes we tend to forget about them once they've joined.

What steps have you taken to keep your brothers, brothers?

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.

Vivat Jesus,

[John Malinowski, FDD](#)

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State Retention Director

Retention Never Sleeps



## FREE THROW TOURNAMENT

Brothers,

With Thanksgiving this month and Christmas next month, that means it is getting to be time for indoor activities for the children. This is a great time to start planning your Council's Free Throw Tournament, which will take place in January. With School and Township Tournaments under way, it might be wise to reserve a gym now, don't wait until January.

The Tournament is open to boys and girls age 9 – 14. The child's age is determined by the age they are on January 1, 2020. Children under 9 or older than 14 on that date may not compete in the "Official Tournament", but that doesn't mean you can't hold a Council Tournament for the younger children, or a 3 pt competition for the older children.

Free Throw Tournament kits can be ordered from Supreme or if you have forms left over from previous years, you may use them.

**Competitors MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian and MUST bring a copy of their birth certificate to every round of the Tournament they compete in.**

After the Council competition is completed in January, your District Deputy will hold a round in February and the winners of the District Round will advance to the Diocesan Round on March 15. The Diocesan winners will compete in the State Finals, scheduled for March 29. Letters will be provided informing the Diocesan Champions of the location and time schedule for the State Finals.

In the past few years, we have had some of our State Champions go on to win the International competition and we hope to be fortunate again.

### ROUND

Council Free Throw:

District Free Throw:

Regional Free Throw:

State Free Throw:

### DEADLINE

January, 2020

February 2020

March 15, 2020

March 29, 2020

### DIOCESAN FREE THROW COORDINATORS

Camden Diocese: [William McCartney, DD](#)

Metuchen Diocese: [Robert Wright, FDD](#)

Newark Archdiocese: [Silvio Sartori, FDD](#)

Paterson Diocese: [Enrique Blanco, DD](#)

Trenton Diocese: [John Gazis, FDD](#)

Let's have a great competition, but most of all, remember, this is for the kids to have fun.

[John A Gazis, FDD](#)

State Free Throw Chairman



## PATRIOTIC CORNER

Dear Brother Sir Knights:

Happy Veteran's Day and Happy Thanksgiving!

This month we honor our veterans who took time in their lives to protect our Country when they could have enjoyed the time at our Jersey Shore. Remember those who gave the ultimate Sacrifice for our Freedom and what we stand for. Fly the Flag, as we are the Patriotic Degree. Thank a Veteran at your Council, Assembly, District, Federation and Chapter meetings. Show them we appreciate them for what they sacrificed.

Competition to determine the Best Patriotic Programs during a given Fraternal year will be held in our Districts and at the Provincial levels of the Fourth Degree. Enter this competition and submit a report on their single best patriotic activity to your Master on Form #tBP-2. Remember to get it out to the Media and put out on Posters. Good Luck on your Event.

This month our Districts will be holding their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications:

Second District – November 10<sup>th</sup>

First District – November 17<sup>th</sup>

Join us and be a part of the Patriotic Degree. To be called Sir Knight and your wife called a Lady is an honor.

Good news from the Front (New Regalia). The order has found a company that will be supplying our order with the new uniform at a lower cost and identical fabric as our first uniforms. They are pleased to report a contract with "The Supply Room". TSR is a world-class leading manufacturer and distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms located in Oxford, Alabama, USA. Our K of C website will be updated very soon with order and contract information. I would suggest that members hold off on placing orders until the website is fully operational.

On behalf of the Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ District, Chris Tomasello, Vice Supreme Master Andrew Lipenta and myself, we hope that each and every one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knights will join our Patriotic Degree this November or in the future.

Vivat Jesus,  
Paul Pinkman  
Master 1<sup>st</sup> NJ District



## PROGRAM CORNER

Dear Brother Sir Knights

With Thanksgiving, looming and the holidays right around the corner, we have to take stock in where our Councils are in regards to our Programs. Unbelievably, we are close to this Fraternal year being half over. We have completed so much, yet have so much more to do. Several programs are continuous every month. Please consider getting involved in some, if not all of these programs.

In the **Family Category**, [Consecration to the Holy Family](#) is coming. While completion of this REQUIRED PROGRAM can be done at any time, it is easier to complete around the Christmas holiday. It is time to start ordering your [Keep Christ in Christmas Cards](#). Deadline for ordering is Thanksgiving, but it is best not to wait until the last minute. Along with the chilly weather comes the **Food for Families** and **Food for the Hungry**, please consider these great forms of Charity for those in need. Giving Thanksgiving baskets to those less fortunate is just one of the great services we Knights perform.

In the **Faith Programs**, we have the [Fr. McGivney Guild](#), have your new Knights at all degrees fill out the forms available from Supreme. Also, remember the **Marian Devotion** Program is still on going, so contact [John Truglio](#) for more information. In addition, [John Gazis](#) is running the **Keep Christ before Us** so contact him if you have any questions. Please consider getting involved in the [Seminarian Letters Program](#). These young men need our support as they journey towards priesthood. Another way to increase our Faith is to run an [RSVP Program](#). These programs run hand in hand, and remember that the **RSVP Program** is a featured program and can count for two of your programs under the **Faith Category**.

Speaking of Charity, in **Community Programs**, get your Councils involved in the [Habitat for Humanity](#) Program, (more information will be forthcoming shortly). You will find this program very beneficial and rewarding. Remember that all man-hours calculated for your programs include all volunteers, not just members of the Knights of Columbus. With December right around the corner, it is time to start putting together your [Bowling](#) team for this year. The cold weather is coming and those Councils that participate should be acquiring their [Coats for Kids](#) to distribute. Should your Council wish to participate, Supreme is offering the ability to get double the coats. You need to work with the State Council and order your coats through them. Depending on the number of cases ordered, Supreme would match that number in cases. In addition, the [SOCCER Challenge](#) Final is November 2nd in Ewing NJ; any questions contact our State Chairman Vito at vitopulito@comcast.net! Any Council who may be doing the **Free Throw contest** need to be ordering their kits.

In the **Life Category**, do not forget [Novena for Life](#), Peter Kueken Chairman and [Support for Persecuted Christians](#), Peter Walentowicz Chairman. By doing this program and preparing all Knights ready for advancement, you will make sure your Councils are "PATRIOTS PROTECTING ALL GOD'S CHILDREN"!

Remember, if you have any questions or need assistance, we are only a phone call or email away.

Fraternally, [Scott Williams, FDD](#), NJ State Program Director

## CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

Brothers,

I hope you have had a successful Pro-Life Month with lots of activities! But now is the time to move on to the next battle in the war for the Cause for Life. You need to act quickly before we all get bogged down in activities for the holidays.

**40 Days for Life.** The Fall 2019 Observance ends on Sunday November 3, 2019, and the Spring 2020 Observance begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Last spring's movie [Unplanned](#) showed the positive effect of prayer to stop abortion. No matter what your Council did in the Fall, please plan to do more in the Spring. Please encourage your members to strongly support this effort. Put simply: "You gotta show up, so that a pregnant woman doesn't!"

**March for Life.** With Pro-Life Month over, we need to focus on the March for Life in January. It will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020. Hopefully, you were holding fundraisers last month to pay for the buses. Also, you need to be sure to post your bus information on the state council web site at this [LINK](#) by December 16. That way those who want to go, but whose parish or council is not sending a bus, can still catch a ride. Additional information on the march can be found in the trip planner at this [LINK](#). Also, after the March, be sure to report to Supreme using the form at this [LINK](#).

Naturally, New Jersey Right to Life will again be holding its Rally at the Statehouse in Trenton. We need to let our pro-abortion governor and legislators know how many New Jerseyans stand for Life. We need to be good Messengers and Catholic Citizens. A huge showing will give them something to think about; a poor showing will let them know that we aren't a threat. More information on the rally will be posted on [www.NJRTL.org](#).

[Steven J. Richardson, FM](#) Culture of Life Program





# INSURANCE MATTERS

## TIME TO PAUSE AND REMEMBER

It seems in our country today, that November 1st, is the unofficial start of the Christmas season, though a few stores have already started promoting Christmas items as I write this report in October. November should be a time of reflection and an opportunity to do better than we have in the past.

In November, we pause to remember and celebrate. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Veteran's Day, and honor those who have served our country in war and peace. All of them made sacrifices for us, some made the ultimate sacrifice.

Personally, on Veteran's day I will step back and remember my Dad and his brothers who served during WWII. I will also remember my father in law who also served during the Korean War. I will also reflect on the many young men I coached at 3 north Jersey Catholic high schools who served out country during Desert Storm and later in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lastly, I will call my brother in law and my nephew who both served in the Marine Corps and I will thank them for their service.

On the last Thursday of the month we stop to remember the Pilgrims, who while filled with fear and trepidation, they boldly sailed mostly uncharted oceans, seeking religious freedom and a better life for themselves and their families, (as all immigrants do). For most this will be a day of family, food and football. Those are three of my favorite things too. I love to get together with three of my brothers in laws and their wives, their kids and spouses and other assorted family members to reconnect, to kid around, to share a sumptuous meal and to give thanks to God for all the good things we all have enjoyed during the year. While we celebrate, let us never forget those who are not as blessed and try to do something to ease their plight.

Usually November also brings us the start of the Advent, (this year it is December 1<sup>st</sup>). That is the liturgical season when we are supposed to make ourselves right with God and prepare for his coming. It offers us all the opportunity to be better than we were, to ask for forgiveness if needed and to re-focus on where Christ is in our lives.

You may be asking what does this have to do with insurance? Well, nothing, but it is about what a Knight should do. Before you get caught up in the "Season", take time to meet with your agent to make sure you are right with your protection, as you try to get right with Christ. It's who we are and what we do.

Protecting Catholic Families since 1882.

[Charles Miraglia](#)  
General Agent

# WEBMASTER

## Why We Do What We Do

There are three components of Charitable Giving: Time, Talent and Treasure. Sure, it is easy to just write a check for a worthy cause and go back to watching your favorite show, but is it as rewarding?

I am not talking about financial rewards. I am referring to the joy and satisfaction that warms your entire being that you receive from volunteering and knowing that your Time and Talent has helped and often times changed lives.

A simple "Thank You" from the Chairman or the Grand Knight is a welcome gesture, but recognition from your fellow Council members or the State or Supreme Council is even more gratifying.

It begins with Councils determining which, or the hundreds of potential programs recommended by the State or Supreme Council is best suited to a local Council's membership.

To do this, the first step is to refer to the Grand Knight Handbook, which is available on-line at [www.njkofo.org](http://www.njkofo.org). We have made this Handbook "visible" to anyone with a level 1 authorization, or better.

After programs are selected, and executed, the final State and Supreme Reporting Forms are all available on the State and Supreme websites. A few key strokes, click "submit", and you're done.

So why report? Very simply, it is a public recognition of your member's time and sweat equity AND it often inspires other Councils to realize, "We can do that!"

All reporting forms are important, but if I had to select one that is vital, it would be the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities (Form #1728) which is due by January 31st each year. This form is available at: <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/spa/invite.html?lang=en&form=1728C.01> and completion of which helps the Knights of Columbus to maintain its tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service.

Also available at this site is the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet (Form #1728A) located at: [http://kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/individual\\_survey1728a\\_p.pdf](http://kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/individual_survey1728a_p.pdf)

Members should avail this form and refer to it each time an activity is completed. Completed forms should be submitted to your Grand Knight at the end of each calendar year.

As always, if you have any questions please call me – 24/7 – at 732/ 504-7496, "We Never Close!"

Vivat Jesus!!!

[Bernie Ernst, FDD](#),

NJ State Council Webmaster

## SQUIRES CIRCLE

### *Squires Corner – November 2019*

We have completed one quarter of the Columbian Year. Our Circles are very busy in activities.

#### In Budd Lake:

The Squires Circle will participate in Fall Cleanup in the Town of Budd Lake.

- December (Mid-Month)  
Our Squires Circle will be throwing a Christmas Party for the Residents of Paragon Village. Paragon Village is an assisted living facility in Hackettstown, NJ.

#### Sparta Roses:

- Bake Sale Scheduled for Oct./Nov

#### Sparta Squires:

- Our Squires held a fall flower sale and raised money for Samaritan Inn at the parish at the end of Oct beginning of Nov. More details to come.
- Saturday and Sunday, November 16th and 17th  
Our Squires will sell Luminary kits as well as collect donations after all masses. Luminaries will be setup at Knoll Heights Senior Living, at Saint Kateri and Our Lady of the Lake parishes.
- We have started a Saint of the Month program, October was St Bruno.

#### Do you Know your Saints?

#### Wildwood Squires:

- Our Squires will be assisting with their Council in the Council Free Throw.

### ***Youth are the keys to our future.***

I will ask you once again to consider budgeting funds for 3 state scholarships which benefit our youth;

- Father John F Murray Scholarship
- John Attardo Scholarship
- Bishop Dougherty Scholarships

*If you would like to start a circle or get more information on Squires or Squire Roses you can contact me at below info.*

Contact:

[Peter D Briody](#)

State Columbian Squires Director

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Brothers,

With November rolling in, we have many things on our plates. From the first week to the last, there will be many things for us to think about and, hopefully, act on.

The Election will be upon us soon and we need to think long and hard about the choices we will make on that Tuesday when we pull those levers. I am not telling anyone who to vote for or how to vote on the important issues that appear on the ballot. What I am suggesting is that we think about what is best for the Country, State and Municipality you reside in. One big item we must seriously consider is how the candidates stand on issues that affect us, not only as American citizens, but as Catholic American Citizens. How can we, as Catholic Americans, even consider voting for a candidate that is pro-choice or pro-abortion? That goes against God's law.

The 2 weekends after Election Day are busy weekends in the St Isaac Jogues Province. Monday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day, a day we should honor those that gave their time, service and lives to protect our way of life in this Country, as well as protected the lives of those in other Countries. It takes a lot of courage to step away from the family and join the armed forces

The Second NJ District will hold an Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree on Sunday, November 10, the birthday of the U.S. Marines. The First NJ District will hold an Exemplification on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Then comes the Thanksgiving Weekend and all the festivities that go with it. There will be Masses of Thanksgiving at our Parishes, dinners with family and friends, not to mention the Thanksgiving Day Parade and the ever popular football games. There are many Councils in NJ that cook, serve and deliver Thanksgiving meals for those that would otherwise be spending the day alone, eating a turkey sandwich from WaWa. Those Councils can always use your help with that program.

Speaking of giving thanks, we should give thanks to God for our family and friends and all that we have, materially and spiritually.

Say "Thank You" to a Veteran for his or her service.

We should give thanks to our Pastors for their vocations. They work hard for their Parish and Diocese, serving their parishioner as Spiritual Advisor, confessor, confidant, friend and guide. We can do this by offering to serve the Parish as Usher or Eucharistic Minister, assist with the RCIA and CCD programs, volunteer to help in the office or maintenance. Let your Pastor know that he and the work he does is appreciated, take him to lunch or dinner.

Don't forget to thank the Police, Fire Fighters, & EMT's in your area for their work. [John A Gazis, FDD](#)



# MILESTONES



State Deputy Vincent Tavormina, along with the entire NJ State Council and the Crusader 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 to be "**Anchored in our Charity and Fraternity!**"

COUNCIL	NAME	TOWN	CHARTER DATE	YRS
9113	Msgr James J Zegers	Marmora	11/1/1985	34
9134	Leisure Village West	Manchester	11/1/1985	34
9914	St Jude	Hopatcong	11/1/1988	31
9920	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	Swartswood	11/1/1988	31
137	Immaculate Conception	Jersey City	11/3/1895	124
3001	South River	South River	11/3/1945	74
4486	Our Lady of Fatima	Park Ridge	11/6/1957	62
2586	Chief Justice White	Teaneck - Bogota	11/8/1925	94
7428	Pope John Paul	Florence	11/13/1979	40
1443	Santa Maria	Haddon Twp	11/14/1909	110
6513	Msgr James A Bulfin	Malaga	11/15/1973	46
10206	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Wayne	11/15/1989	30
7000	Lawrence	Lawrenceville	11/17/1977	42
9925	St Matthias	Somerset	11/17/1988	31
7429	Archangel	Berlin	11/18/1979	40
6520	St Mary of the Lakes	Medford	11/19/1973	46
3471	St Vincent Pallotti	Hammonton	11/28/1951	68
3756	Ewing	Ewing	11/29/1953	66
1711	Msgr Henry J Waterson	Westfield	11/30/1913	106
3240	Msgr Joseph F Loreti	Roselle Park	11/30/1949	70

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