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## State Deputy's Message



**Andrew E. Lipenta**  
State Deputy



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My Brother Knights,

The theme of the Supreme convention this past August -- "You Will All Be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity" — was drawn from the message of Pope Francis for the World Day of Peace, in which the Holy Father observed: "Without fraternity it is impossible to build a just society."

"This sense of fraternity is at the foundation of our call," said Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson. "Our charitable activity is all the more effective because it is supported by our fraternal brotherhood."

I mention this as we journey through this Columbian year, we have a moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic gentleman to join in our efforts to grow the Order, that we hold so dear to our hearts, to have a louder, stronger voice to join in the efforts for building a better society. It allows us to have a louder voice to vote our catholic conscience, regardless of party affiliation, democrat, republican or independent.

This right and privilege gives us the opportunity to have a say as we defend our religious liberties which are and have been under attack, at every turn and for quite some time.

Our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop Lori advises us as Catholics and Christians: "The question to ask is this: Are any of the candidates of either party, or independents, standing for something that is intrinsically evil, evil no matter what the circumstances?"

If that's the case, as Catholics, regardless of his party affiliation, we shouldn't be voting for such a person."

Please be prepared to vote conscientiously this year. Voting this year is to be held on November 4, 2014. Please assist your councils with the voter registration drives held this year.

Please use the following link to access the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' guide, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States.* [USCCB GUIDE](#) (Continued on page 7)



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## Did you know?



One of the many scholarships handled by the Supreme Council is the Francis P. Matthews and John E. Swift Educational Trust. This trust offers scholarships to the children of members who are killed or permanently and totally disabled by hostile action serving with our armed forces. Also eligible are the children of members who are killed as a result of criminal violence directed against them while performing their duties as a law enforcement officer or full time firefighters.

Since its establishment in 1944, 289 students have completed their education through this fund. During the academic year, 2014-2015, eight students will pursue their undergraduate degrees through this fund, including three new recipients.

## Did you know? id you know?



After appearing in the film, "Forrest Gump", it left an indelible impression on the actor, Gary Sinise. He formed a band and named it the "Lt. Dan Band", after the role he played in the film, and traveled around to many hospitals, here and overseas, playing for wounded warriors.

In 2011, he formed the "Gary Sinise Foundation" to help build homes for wounded veterans. At the request of the Supreme Council, he made a presentation of his Foundation at this past Supreme Convention. Impressed by his sincere feelings on this matter, the Supreme Council presented his foundation with a check for \$200,000 to help complete a home for a wounded veteran.

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# Program Corner

## ***Greetings from the flatlands down Jersey!***

How quickly the trees change color in October! Before we know it, this beautiful season will have passed in the wind.

We, too, are in a similar place in our Columbian year. It is time to have a plan that will carry us into the midterm. Take the time now to self-evaluate by completing the SP7 form. Where are you at with regards to your programs? Are you on target to complete half of your goals for the year? Use your time now to take a closer look and make a plan through the SP7 form so you will not have to overburden yourself during the upcoming holidays.

***Think: Are You on Target? Can you complete four activities in all six categories on the SP7 form?*** The SP7 form is a guide to becoming and maintaining a well-rounded council that engages all aspects of what it is to be a Knight of Columbus. If your council has a majority of activities in only one category and is neglecting the other categories, the council is missing opportunities for both members and service programs, as well as the ability to qualify for Star Council. Make changes now in your service program calendar and planning to insure your council is on target.

Supreme asks us to consider participating in an Order wide Church Drive October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and First Degree Week October 13 through the 19. Do not forget to order your kits for the *Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest* (EA-KIT) and *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest* (CPC-KIT). They can be found on line or on your Surge for Service CD.

October considerations should be:

- State Dominoes Tournament, 10/4
- Rosary Rally – 10/5 @ 3pm Mt Laurel. *Too far away?* Hold your **own** Rally at the same time.
- State Council Retreat – reservations are due 10/13; the Retreat is 10/24-10/26
- Conduct a charitable service program in honor of Pope Francis
- Second Responders, become part of the Community Emergency Response Team [CERT]
- Child ID kits –**something FREE!**
- Silver Rose Icon – Plan and promote to bolster your attendance
- Soccer Challenge Districts and Regional events - State Championship is 11/9
- Keep Christ in Christmas Program, order **now** for deliveries in late November.
- Coats for Kids / Order for early November

Let us, together, do our best to develop a calendar of programs with the tools supplied by our State Council and Supreme. Remember, have fun in doing and promoting God's work while bringing together like-minded Catholic men into our Order as we *Proclaim and Defend our Faith*. Vivat Jesus!

Happy Columbus Day!

**Yours in friendship and fraternity,**

**Ray Sands FDD**




# Culture of Life Corner

Brothers:

Summer is now officially over, and fall has begun. By now you should have met with your council's Respect Life chairman and planned out at least four programs for the year, so that you may get Star Council. This should be your focus now, as October is Pro-Life Month. If you need some help and/or ideas, please feel free to contact your Regional Coordinator. I am sure he would be happy to be of assistance.

**Diapers for Babies.** What better way to celebrate life than to support the efforts of a young woman who chose it over an abortion? Encourage your members to bring a box of diapers or wipes to a council meeting, then give a Treat to your local pregnancy care center by dropping them off on Halloween. This is an easy, simple, and free program to implement, but the rewards are immeasurable.

**Life Chains & Truth Booth Cards.** Another great Pro-Life Month activity is a Life Chain in front of an abortion mill. We can 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. If your council doesn't have a supply of cards, go to this [LINK](#) on the State Council web site for information on how to get them.

**Supporting Pregnant Women in Crisis.** In addition to material supplies like diapers and wipes, we should also provide monetary donations to Pregnancy Resource Centers and Maternity Homes throughout New Jersey. 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.

**Morality in the Media.** Don't forget that this fall's "Turn off Your TV" day is on Tuesday, October 21. I hope you have already been spreading the word through your parish and community to bring others into our efforts. But it is not enough to turn off the "idiot box." We must also let the major networks know what we are doing. Get all the resources you need at this [LINK](#) to promote the program and do a letter writing campaign!

There is, of course, much more that you can do. Support your chapter, federation, or assembly in getting an ultrasound machine by running a fundraiser; participate in Letters for Life; donate at least \$200 to Deborah Hospital or \$300 to an Alzheimer's Respite Care Support drive; or help provide a Home for a Mother. As long as we live in a society that is moving faster and faster towards a culture of death, we cannot afford to ease our efforts for a moment! Get involved, and get our society moving back in the right direction!

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Steven J. Richardson, FM**  
**Culture of Life Programs Director**

# Membership Corner

Brothers,

Statewide recruitment weekends are planned for all councils across the state, to coincide with Columbus Day weekend (October 11-12, 2014). These may coincide with or be in addition to Supreme Blitzes. Other weekends may be substituted for these dates so as not to conflict with other events going on in your parishes. These drives remain the main method of recruiting but need to be planned and prepared for, well in advance.

Here are steps for a successful drive:

## 1. Preparation Phase

- Meet with your Pastor to get the date approved for the drive.
- Order recruitment material and form 100's from the Supreme Supply department. Allow 4 – 5 weeks for shipping.
- Schedule an Open House within a week or two of the drive.
- Scheduled a first degree within a week or two of the Open House.
- Work with your Council Membership Chairman and his team, your District Deputy, and your Insurance Agent to make your drive a success.

## 2. Execution Phase

- Ask for the membership drive to be announced during the Mass.
- Have members positioned at each door with both Supreme Council brochures as well as a flyer that announces your Open House.
- Be sure you help each have a Prospect Card (#921-A) Many Past Grand Knights have asked if there were any way to have a simple formatted individualized Prospect Card for their council.

## 3. Follow-up Phase

- Within 2 or 3 days, the membership team should contact every prospect.
- Inform the prospects of the date, time and place of the Open House and invite wives to attend.

## 4. Hold a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree

- Invite the prospects to the 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Be sure the candidates are aware of the initiation fee and dues costs.
- Welcome your new Brother Knights into our Order and get them involved in the council.

Good luck with your drives, Brothers.

Happy Columbus Day!

John Erwin, FDD  
Membership Program Director





## Keep Christ Before Us



As you read this, there are less than 90 shopping days until Christmas. As we prepare for the Christmas Season, we begin to think about what we plan to buy our loved ones and also plan our Christmas events. It is a time to spread the Good News of the Birth of Christ. One way to do this is by attending Mass, listening to the Gospel and hearing the Homily given by our Priests.

The Children's Christmas Parties and Breakfast with Santa are also great ways to spread Christmas Cheer, not only to adults but also to the children our Councils touch. The Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ Before Us" program has the tools to help spread Christmas Joy to the children.

Why not order both the Advent coloring books and the Keep Christ in Christmas coloring books? By ordering both, your Council can give one to the children that attend the Breakfast with Santa, and the other to the children that attend your Children's Christmas Party. Or give them to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade CCD students at your Parish, with your Pastor's approval of course.

The children will enjoy many hours of not only coloring the pictures, but also teaches them of the Birth of Christ, the wonderful child that would grow to be our Lord and Redeemer. You may even get a member from the CCD parent whose child received this thoughtful gift from your Council.



Also, this year we have some new items for you to consider. The first one I will bring to your attention is the Confirmation Books which is similar to the Communion Books we have. The Confirmation book has prayers, a detailed accounting of the Confirmation ceremony and other interesting sections. This book would be a perfect complement to the Communion books. The Confirmed and their families will appreciate this gesture by your Council.

Order Forms are available in the Grand Knights Manual, and also on the State website, listed under "State Reporting Forms". Orders will be filled and delivered as quickly as possible, but don't wait until the last minute. Contact me by phone at 732-581-2905 or via email at [SKJGazis@aol.com](mailto:SKJGazis@aol.com)

John Gazis, FDD

Chairman



Congratulations to

SK Russell Petrocelli on being elected Master of the First New Jersey District of the Fourth Degree.





# The Bulletin Board

## SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

**DEGREE:**      **[LINK](#), [LOCATION & DATE:](#)**

### CAMDEN:

First      [Council 1443](#) [Mon. Oct. 20](#)  
 First      [Council 7463](#) [Thurs. Oct. 23](#)  
 Second    [Council 7463](#) [Fri. Oct. 27](#)  
 Second    [Council 7429](#) [Thurs. Nov. 20](#)  
 Third      [Council 9193](#) [Fri. Oct. 10](#)

### METUCHEN:

First      [Council 6573](#) [Tue. Oct. 7](#)  
 First      [Council 2544](#) [Wed. Nov. 19](#)

### NEWARK:

First      [Council 5730](#) [Wed. Oct. 8](#)  
 First      [Council 1178](#) [Mon. Oct. 13](#)  
 First      [Council 4504](#) [Wed. Oct. 15](#)  
 Second    [Council 1178](#) [Wed. Oct. 15](#)  
 Second    [Council 2355](#) [Wed. Oct. 15](#)  
 Third      [Council 2842](#) [Fri. Oct. 17](#)

### PATERSON:

First      [Council 3359](#) [Mon. Oct. 27](#)  
 Third      [Council 6904](#) [Fri. Oct. 17](#)

### TRENTON:

First      [Council 12229](#) [Thurs. Oct. 16](#)  
 First      [Council 14716](#) [Fri. Oct. 17](#)  
 First      [Council 355](#) [Tue. Oct. 21](#)  
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 Third      [Council 7000](#) [Fri. Oct. 10](#)

[All Website Schedules](#)

## State Deputy's Message: (Continued)

Also be mindful in keeping with the motto from Supreme Council, introduced last year, our membership theme is, *One Member per Council per Month.*

New membership is ALWAYS the lifeblood of the council and will provide the manpower for your programs and also provide talented future leaders of your councils.

We are stressing again this year that membership growth occurs **365** days a year, not just during the fall and spring membership drives. Please take advantage of this opportunity and help us grow the order so we will have a louder, larger collective voice to *“Proclaim and Defend our Faith”*.

We also join our brother knights throughout the Order as we pray for persecuted Christians and those from other religious minorities in harm's way in Iraq. In just over three weeks, the Knights of Columbus Refugee Relief initiative has raised more than \$1 million in public donations for those suffering persecution in Iraq and surrounding region. Combined with the \$1 million donated by the Order, the fund now stands at more than \$2 million. Those wishing to assist with the relief efforts in Iraq can donate to K of C Christian Refugee Relief by visiting [www.kofc.org/Iraq](http://www.kofc.org/Iraq) or by sending checks or money orders to K of C Christian Refugee Relief, Knights of Columbus Charities, P.O. 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966.

Also, as a reminder, October is Pro-Life Month and appropriately the State sponsored Family Rosary Rally in honor of Our Lady at Our Lady of Fatima Cistercian Monastery, Mount Laurel on Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 3pm.

Our Annual State Retreat Weekend, sponsored by NJ State Council, is held the weekend of Oct 24-26 at San Alfonso Retreat Center, West Long Branch, NJ. Donation is \$200.00 (meals included). Please plan on joining us at the Retreat!

Information for the Family Rosary Rally and the Retreat Weekend can be found on the state website using link [www.njkofc.org](http://www.njkofc.org)

Vivat Jesus,  
 Andy Lipenta  
 State Deputy

# State Council Retreat



The State Council sponsors a retreat each year in October at the San Alfonso Retreat House in West Long Branch, New Jersey. [[www.sanalfonso retreats.org](http://www.sanalfonso retreats.org)]. The motto for the retreat house is “**Where God and Sea Come Together.**” San Alfonso is the official retreat house for the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus.

**The date for this year’s State Knights of Columbus retreat is October 24-26, 2014.** The state retreat is not meant to infringe upon or disrupt any local council’s scheduled retreat, in fact we would like to know the Council’s that attend a Retreat. When was it, where was it, and how many attended? Please send an e-mail or send a post card with the information to the chairman [listed below].

The **2014 Theme** for the weekend will be: **Living In Hope “Give reason for the hope you have”** 1 Peter 3:15. Retreat Conferences will offer:

- *The Gift of Hope*
- *Stories of Hope*
- *A Liturgy of Hope*
- *Learning and Practicing Hope*

The cost of the Retreat is **\$200.00 per person** [less Twenty Five Dollar (\$25.00) **NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT sent with registration form**]. **Make all checks payable to “San Alfonso Retreat House.”** To obtain registration Forms go to:

<http://www.njkofc.org/start/about-us/programs/general-programs.html>

[Under CHURCH ACTIVITIES tab.]



**DEADLINE for REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 10, 2014**

If you require additional information or assistance the **State Contact** is:

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## New Jersey State Council Family Rosary Rally



The Rosary is an old prayer that is always new, **leading us to Jesus through Mary.** The Blessed Mother urged everyone to pray the Rosary during her apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. She called herself the **“Lady of the Rosary,”** and promised that the Rosary

would help people grow in their faith, convert sinners, and bring about world peace.

The feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated on **October 7th** when all are invited to meditate upon the mysteries of Christ by following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in recalling the incarnation, passion, and glorious resurrection of the Son of God. The Rosary is a prayer with a long tradition, yet it is still a prayer for us today. It is simple and powerful, and is credited with granting tremendous favors and blessings.

**Come join your Brother Knights [RAIN OR SHINE]  
for our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary Rally.**

**The Date: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014**

**The Place: The Rosary Garden at Our Lady of Fatima Cistercian Monastery,  
564 Walton Avenue, Mt. Laurel,  
Burlington County, NJ**

**The Time: 3:00 PM - SHARP**



If you are unable to make it to Mt. Laurel, schedule a gathering of your members and join us, on the same day and time, in praying the Rosary and we will all show the power of prayer.



## Back to school time....

Fall is back to school time, and everyone with kids is running around shopping for clothes, or shoes, or school supplies. It's when the heavier

traffic patterns come back, and almost everyone is back from vacation. I'm sure we can all agree that it is a very busy time.

September was Life Insurance Awareness Month. You may ask why the insurance industry would pick this overly busy time to promote life insurance. Don't "they" know we're too busy getting new sneakers and getting haircuts, and buying our daughters a new dress for the first day of school and setting up car pools? Don't they know time is precious.....

It is exactly because those of us in the business of providing insurance coverage know that time is precious that we promote life insurance during September. When you are thinking about kids in school, or college that is coming soon, or it is because of the hectic pace of everyday life after labor day that we do want to take a few moments and ask you to think.

We want to help you take a step back, take a breath and let us help you take a few moments, to make sure that when your head hits the pillow, you will sleep well knowing beyond a doubt that your family's future, your retirement, your foundation of financial is safe and secure.

I like to say my presentation takes 22 minutes, but I'll stay and answer your questions for as long as it takes to make you comfortable with the decisions you make, (similar to that news radio station in north Jersey that says you give us 22 minutes, and we'll give you the world). The Knights of Columbus was founded to take care of the families of our members. That's still our mission today. It's who we are and what we do, and what month it is doesn't matter.

Fraternally yours,  
Charlie Miraglia  
General Agent





*Celebrating  
Anniversaries  
this Month*



<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>CHARTERED</u>	<u>YRS</u>
2544 – Commodore John Barry, Dunellen	10-8-24	90
6621 – Pope John XXIII, Vineland	10-31-74	40

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> (including over 100) 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.



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## 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 **CHRISTmas**”

**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?”

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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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*“Writing is an extreme privilege but it’s also a gift. It’s a gift to you and it’s a gift of giving a story to someone.”*

- **Amy Tan**

# 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

- October 10** ~ State Council Retreat Registration Due
- October 20** ~ Newsletter Article Submission Deadline
- October 24-26** ~ State K of C Retreat, *West Long Branch*

- 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 15** – Soccer Challenge Participation Form
- December 16** – March for Life Bus reporting Form
- December 20** - Newsletter Article Submission Deadline
- December 31** – 2114 – 2015 Web Site Contest

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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