

State Officers and District Deputies Installed at Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica





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State Deputy's Message

Program Director's Message



My Brothers,

We have completed our Annual Convention, our District Deputies and Grand Knights meetings and our Installation of State Officers. At all of these functions, we have had an opportunity to speak with and exchange ideas with Knights from others parts of the state. Although we are separated by distance, all of us have the same goal of making the

Order as strong and vibrant as it can be. We are one unit in the State of New Jersey and if we work together we can accomplish great things. In this issue of the *Cavalcade*, you will see a review of the accomplishments that we have made during the past fraternal year. They are important, they are many and they are good. Last fraternal year the motto was "Set the Standard for the 21st Century." The Councils and District Deputies throughout the state did an excellent job in setting a high standard and they deserve praise for their efforts.

The motto for this fraternal year is "RAISE THE STAN-DARD." We have an opportunity to work on the base that was set for the new century and RAISE it to new heights. It will be difficult as it always is starting off a new year, however, we do have one advantage. We know the past year's results that we want to beat. By taking our accomplishments one step higher we can make each of our councils better than it has ever been in all the different areas. We can recruit more new members, we can retain more of our present members and not let them slip away from our councils, we can participate in more and sometimes innovative programs and we can instill in our members a pride in being a Knight. This is a chance for each Grand Knight to become a very special leader of his council and one that will leave a legacy not soon forgotten.

The State Council has individuals in the areas of membership and programs that are ready to help you in any way they can. I, the other State Officers and all those in State positions are there for only one purpose—to assist you in any way they can. Don't forget our General Insurance Agents and our Field Agents. These men have been extremely helpful to our Councils and will continue to be and I commend them for their tireless efforts.

During the Grand Knights meeting I mentioned a quote from the movie *The Natural*. When asked how he would like to be remembered when his time as a baseball player was over, the main character said that when he walked down the street he wanted people to point at him and say he was the best there ever was. When this fraternal year is over, my wish for you is that when you are at your council the members will say he was THE BEST THERE EVER WAS at whatever you are responsible for, whether it is Grand Knight, District Deputy or a membership or program position. I wish you great success in the upcoming fraternal year.

> Vivat Jesus, WILLIAM J. BIRTWISTLE State Deputy



My Brother Knights,

This issue of the *Cavalcade* is the first one for the Columbian Year 2001-2002. We begin this new year with a clean slate, waiting to be filled with our activities and accomplishments.

We also have a new group of Grand Knights and District Deputies, as well as those who are repeating and to each I offer my congratulations and best wishes for a successful year.

The directors and chairmen of our programs are eager for you to succeed and are available to you as needed. We have a great menu of programs in all areas of concern: Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth, Respect Life, and our special programs. There should be something for everyone, regardless of their interests and abilities.

Besides the programs listed in your manual/handbook, which I urge you to review, I am anticipating offering some new programs which are still in the discussion states.

All these programs are geared to get your members and their families involved in the good works of our Order and to attract new members.

Program chairmen and membership chairmen will be working hand in hand to attract new members and retain our present membership. The new membership initiative— "Celebrate Faith, Family, Fraternity"—encourages councils to conduct programs in those areas to appeal to new members and to revitalize those members who have lost interest. These programs can be found in the Church, Council and Family sections of your handbook.

The membership and programs staff are committed to this program and it is essential that they act in a united way to achieve our goals.

If you would like to take the time to review the action plan relative to the "Celebrate Faith, Family, Fraternity" membership program, you will note that the major change in this program as to past programs is that instead of conducting recruitment activities each month, the plan is to conduct a social/fraternity activity for one month, followed by a recruitment activity the next month.

I am confident that with the full cooperation and support of our program and membership staffs, the New Jersey jurisdiction will exceed the goals established for us.

> Fraternally, HERB MEYER, FDD General Program Director





NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL Knights of Columbus



Raise the Standard for the 21st Century

As we began the 2000-2001 Fraternal Year we had as our motto "SET THE STANDARD FOR THE 21st CENTURY." You can be proud of your accomplishments this year in setting a high standard for those who will follow you.

At the just completed Annual Supreme Convention, the New Jersey Jurisdiction was honored in a number of ways for the efforts of the past year. New Jersey ranked fourth in the jurisdictions of the Order in the number of Star Councils with 52. Attaining Star Council takes a lot of work in the areas of recruitment, retention and programs and those councils attaining that award can be justly proud. New Jersey ranked fifth in the Order in Star District Awards with 10. The District Deputies that attained Star District showed diligence to their responsibilities and devotion to the Order.

New Jersey finished sixth in the Order in the VIP (Very Important Proposer) Club with a total of 2407 members. Total membership in the Order in the VIP Club as of June 30, 2001 was 59,880 Knights. The Columbian Squires finished second in the Order in Net Gain and Percentage Gain, an important activity considering the pressures on our youth today.



During the "Lift High The Cross" membership campaign, Grand Knights

were entered into a drawing for one of three trips to Universal Studios – Orlando for each month that their councils were recruitment active. The drawing had 15,284 entries. One of the winners of the drawing was Grand Knight and Mrs. Gregory D. Arnold, Our Lady of the Angels Council **#12184**, Cape May Courthouse. During the final phase of the "Jubilee 2000: Share The Joy" membership campaign recruiters were entered into a drawing for one of five family trips to Universal Studios – Orlando and one of the winners was Richard Kohrmann, Rev. John F. Welsh Council **#3231**, Manasquan.

New Jersey was honored in being joined with the Division Leaders in recruitment because of a net gain of 2.41 percent in membership. New Jersey finished third in Division I in net gain and percentage gain. This year New Jersey had a positive membership gain after all deaths, suspensions, withdrawals and transfers had been deducted. In a state with a long history of being a part of the Knights of Columbus, having a positive membership gain after all deductions is a very commendable accomplishment.

Finally, New Jersey received one of the most important and coveted awards that the Supreme Council can give to a jurisdiction. Each year the Supreme Council recognizes 15 Jurisdictions in a Circle of Honor for their performance in eight categories. Points are awarded in each of the categories and the jurisdictions with the highest points enter the Circle of Honor. I am proud to report that New Jersey was the tenth jurisdiction in the Order.

I have given you the overall highlights of the accomplishments of New Jersey in the Order, but each Council in the state and each District Deputy have their own individual accomplishments which made New Jersey receive recognition in the Order. The individual Star Council and Star District Awards will be received from the Supreme Council as well as the Columbian, Father McGivney and Founders Day Awards. Each of you has demonstrated dedication to the Order and have "SET THE STANDARD FOR THE 21st CENTURY."

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