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## State Deputy's Message

Brothers,

Congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> Council founded in the state of New Jersey, Council 137 on reaching their 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

November is that time of the year when we begin to prepare for the holiday season. Remember the less fortunate. Begin to plan to provide coats for kids, food for the hungry, and clothing for the needy. The State Council has programs to help your council with these vital needs. We urge each council to be involved in your communities, especially during the Christmas season. There are many more families in need this year. Please do everything possible to help. Support your local food banks and service kitchens. Please view the Grand Knights Handbook for more information or view it on our state website.

Councils are also encouraged to participate in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard and lawn signs. This is an excellent way of advertising and growing our order. Department stores have stopped saying "Merry Christmas" and many have eliminated Christmas decorations and music for fear of offending someone. The United States is a Christian nation and we encourage councils to place lawn crèches and signs. Our Christian beliefs are under attack and it is up to us, the Knights of Columbus to protect and defend our church and faith.

Pope Francis continues to preach an encompassing and embracing church. One of love and forgiveness. A church that is compassionate, caring and loving. The teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ compels us to help the poor, sick and needy. What better way can we, the Knights, achieve this by being involved through our donations of food and clothing.

God Bless you all for what you do for our communities, our families and our church. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Bruce De Molli KSG  
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## From the Editors Desk

Gentlemen,

November is upon us and it is a time to give thanks. Thanks for our family and friends and thanks for what we have materially and spiritually.

We should thank our pastors for their vocation. They work hard for the Parish, serving their parishioners as spiritual advisor, confessor, confidant, friend and guide. Offer a hand at the Parish as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, assist with the RCIA or CCD programs, volunteer to help in the office, take him to lunch or dinner. Let him know that he and the work he does is appreciated.

Thank the police officers and firemen in your town. Thank them for protecting your home, family, friends and possessions.

Thank the veterans and the men and women serving in the armed forces today. Thank them for the time they served our country, time that could have been spent with their family. Without them, we wouldn't have the freedoms we have in this country. Remember those lost in the battles this country has had, their sacrifice helped make this country the greatest in the world. When you see a member of the armed forces, shake their hand and say "thank you for your service."

John A Gazis, FDD



# Program Corner

Brothers,

Wow, it is hard to believe, but it is already November and we are deep into the first half of our Columbian year. Council programs should be in full swing and we should take some time to reflect on where we are? What we have accomplished? And what we still need to do? Your team should take the time to step back and make any adjustments necessary to insure that you're programs are on track and successful. In doing so, you will be improving on the programs and services your Council delivers, as well as having a good handle on what you have accomplished as a team.

This reflection will also help you get a head start on our form 1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. One way to do this is to use your "Fraternal Leader Success Planner" that enables you to track your Council's progress each month throughout the year. Use the Planner to plan, track and report your results.

November is also a time for remembrance 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 for their contributions and sacrifices. Plan a mass or attend a scheduled mass as a body 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 then 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 others with coats, visiting the shut-in or sick, or celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, **NOW** is the time to put your plan in place and be **on Target**.

We end the month in thanksgiving for all of our blessings. Maybe this is the time to schedule the Marian devotional for your Council? It is a great way to gather and pray together. November considerations should be:

Mass for Deceased members w/corporate Communion and get together

State Soccer Tournament, 11/7, 12 -3pm.

Free Throw Kit order due @ Supreme, 11/01

Keep Christ in Christmas Program, LAST ORDERS DUE - 11/27

Second Responders, become part of the Community Emergency Response Team [CERT]

Child ID kits –something FREE

Marian Devotional Prayer Program - The blessed Immaculate Conception

Coats for Kids – winter will soon be here, order now.

Feed the Needy/Families; Thanksgiving and Christmas

International Seminarian Formation support

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

From my family to yours, Eileen and I would like to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Keep the Faith,

Jim Sweeney, FDD

NJ State Program Director



# 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. 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, 2016. 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 tournament for the younger children.



Free Throw Tournament kits can be ordered from Supreme or if you have forms left over from previous years, you may use them. Just draw a box for the 9 yr olds age group.

**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 in March. The Diocesan winners will compete in the State Finals, scheduled for early April 2016. 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.

<u>ROUND</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Council Free Throw:	January 2016
District Free Throw:	Early February 2016
Regional Free Throw:	Late February - Early March 2016
State Free Throw:	Date & Location TBD

## FREE THROW COORDINATORS

Camden Diocese:	Michael Querubin, DD	<a href="#">email</a>
Metuchen Diocese:	George French, FDD	<a href="#">email</a>
Newark Archdiocese:	Silvio Sartori, DD	<a href="#">email</a>
Paterson Diocese:	Thomas Straten, FDD	<a href="#">email</a>
Trenton Diocese:	John Gazis, FDD	<a href="#">email</a>

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

# General Agents Corner

## Tempus Fugit – Time Flies

Wow, its November already, what happened to October? For that matter what happened to August and September. It feels like it was just a couple of weeks ago that we had the State Convention, Fourth of July and were standing at a barbeque grill or looking at the waves at the shore.

One third of the fraternal year is done and pretty soon we will be at the holidays and advent. Blink and we'll be in lent and celebrating Easter. Then we'll be at convention again and the fraternal year will be over.

So it's time to take stock of where are as an Order, a council, and in our own lives. Time for the fall cleanup so to speak. Let's see where we are compared to our council goals for the year. Let's see where we stand in qualifying for Star Council; have we been actively recruiting new members? Are they and our existing members meeting with our Field Agent?

In our own lives, have we checked to see if the coverages we have meet our needs? Are the beneficiary designations up to date? Do we have coverage for our spouses or kids? (Remember, you co-sign all their college loans) Who is going to pay for my nursing home? If I get sick or hurt and can't work, who will give my family money to live on? Is retirement secure? Have we looked at the effects of social security on our retirement? (You lose the lower one when a spouse dies....is there enough income left for my spouse?) Is my retirement safe? (The first rule of retirement is don't lose money, because you don't have any way to make it back)

You can work through all of these questions and so many more with your field agent. (And the visit and analysis are always free). Your Knights of Columbus insurance Agent brings value to the relationship, it's what we have been doing for your brother Knights and their families for generations because that's who we are and what we do.

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# THE PATRIOTIC CORNER

Dear Brother Knights:

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country, and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members of the Order and in the community at large.

The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

- **Charity** - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect, and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;
- **Unity** – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;
- **Fraternity** – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and
- **Patriotism** – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of the Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. Their colorful capes and chapeaux add dignity and the pride of Church and country to any event. By these public demonstrations, their loyalties bring credit to themselves and the Knights of Columbus. I encourage you to recruit new members into the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and to encourage all 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members to join the Color Corps.

VIVAT JESUS!

Russell D. Petrocelli Master, 1<sup>st</sup> NJ District



## 1<sup>st</sup> New Jersey District/Important dates to remember:

- Monday, November 2, 2015 – Master’s Meeting – LaNeve’s Restaurant, 276 Belmont Avenue, Haledon, NJ. Host: Joseph F. Lamb Assembly #0665.
- Sunday, November 22, 2015, 1:00 PM – Exemplification of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree/Military Ball Banquet – The Fiesta, 255 Route 17 South, Wood-Ridge, NJ. Degree Honoree is Associate State Chaplain Msgr. Michael T. Mannion.
- Sunday, January 31, 2016 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report Due (Form 1728)
- Monday, February 1, 2016 – Master’s Meeting – Mary Immaculate Council #12769, Immaculate Conception School Gym, 790 Post Place, Secaucus. Host: Msgr. Peter B. O’Connor Assembly #1543.
- Monday, March 7, 2016 – Master’s Meeting – Star of the Sea Council 371, 669 Ave. C, Bayonne, NJ. Host: Star of the Sea Assembly #0675
- Saturday, March 19, 2016 – Biennial Convention

# HOLY FAMILY ICON

Pope Francis has cited the need for *“holy and loving families to protect the beauty and truth of the family in God’s plan and to be an example for other families”*.

Building the Domestic Church and a strong devotion to the Holy Family are the two ways the Knights of Columbus plan to support the Church’s mission of evangelization.

This year, each diocese in New Jersey will receive a framed copy of a painting made from an etching of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842). Each Icon bears a special blessing of Pope Francis and serves as the centerpiece of this new Marian prayer program. Prayer service booklets and memorial cards will be available shortly.

It is important that councils provide a program of maximum exposure in their area to include the parish, various church organizations, visits to shut-ins, the needy and to the community as a whole.

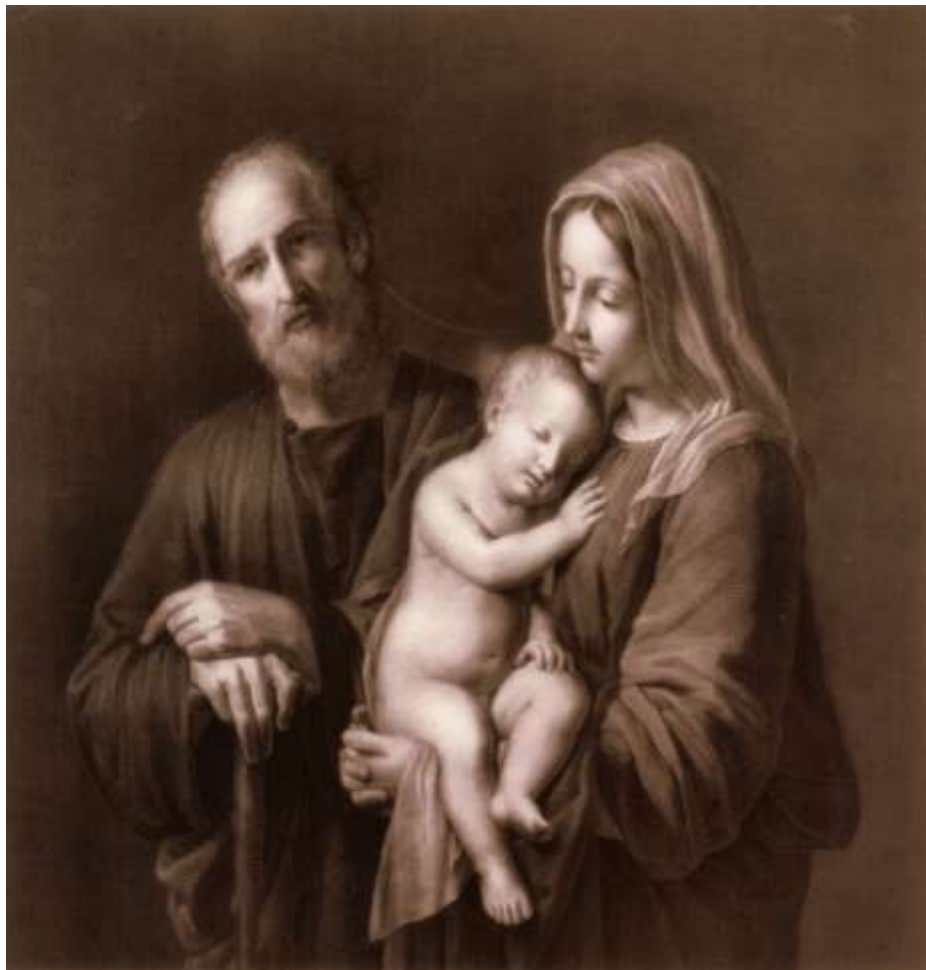
For more information on the program, review the information found on Supreme website, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Also see *Columbia*, Sep 2015, *“The Witness of the Family Fully Alive”* with an interview with the Archbishop of Philadelphia, Charles J. Caput.

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# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

I know that November is a busy month for many dioceses and councils. We also have Thanksgiving. Our numbers so far have been good but not great, but I do congratulate you on the effort that has been put in. Even though I know things are going to get a little crazy, we can't forget to continue bringing in new members. Hopefully you have had your parish membership drives (BLITZ). If not try to do it now. |

If you were able to sign anyone up during your membership drives, I hope you have gotten them to a degree by now. If not, make it a priority to get the candidate to a degree as soon as possible. You now have the availability to hold a degree in 4 different ways: from memory, reading the transcript, using the CD for the DGK and Chancellor roles and 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 no reason to not get your candidate to a first degree. The longer you wait, the easier it is for him to lose interest, feeling that you don't find his membership a priority.

For Councils who have not brought in any new members, the heartbeat of your Council is slowly fading. New ideas, new energy and a new outlook are all being wasted. I've heard it all too many times, "Supreme and the State don't help us." The Membership Team and I have reached out through e-mails and at meetings to assist every Council in any way that we can. Remember also "God helps those who help themselves."

We are always looking to start new Councils. If you know a Pastor interested in having a Council in his Parish, contact your Diocesan Membership Chairman and he will get someone on it. We are also putting on a big push for Ethnic Councils.

I hope your Retention Teams are working overtime to retain delinquent brothers. Take the time to maybe visit with them and find out the reason for their delinquency. As always, they are our Brothers. Just to help you with retention, I would like to remind you again of the new incentive program:

1. For each member that a council recruits between July 1,2015 and June 30,2016 less suspensions that council will be paid \$10.00 per new/reactivated member from the state council.(net total) The amount will be issued as a credit towards their state per capita bill mailed in September.
2. For each new member or reactivated member, the sponsor will be entered into a state drawing at the midterm and end of year Grand Knight's meetings. **COPY OF THE FORM 100** to be sent to the State Membership Director.
3. For Councils that achieve the highest membership intake by diocese and by membership size will be invited to the end of the year Founders Day Dinner.

My wife Pat and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Your friend in Christ,  
Mike Vaclavicek,FDD  
State Membership Director  
*"Defending God's Kingdom"*



# PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS NEED YOUR HELP

## Persecuted Christians in the Middle East

For thousands of years Christians have called Syria and Iraq home. Their ancestors may have actually listened to Saint Paul or one of the Apostles share their story of their relationship with the living God. Now these people are being forced to convert or to flee their homes or face torture and death. The following is a letter from our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Jhon Madrid as it appeared in our parish bulletin.

### Let's Break the Silence

For several years Nigeria has been fighting Boko Haram. This Islamic insurgency is known for kidnapping women and young girls, forcing conversion of Christians, and having destroyed hundreds of churches in the past four years. Also, since the outbreak of ISIS in Syria and Iraq, we have seen how hundreds of thousands of Christians and other religious minorities have been forced to leave their ancient homeland. It is devastating to read stories about whole parishes in exile trying to survive and keep their faith alive even though they reside in foreign refugee camps. As we have witnessed, Christian leaders have expressed grave concern about the spiritual life of their displaced communities. But what is our role as we see the suffering of our brothers and sisters? Do we break the silence?

Following the reflection of a priest friend, I would like you to imagine sitting home one day when suddenly you hear megaphones screaming from cars outside. With a hate-filled militancy, soldiers declare you must abandon your faith and pay a tax that is more than the value of your home, or leave everything behind. You are told you have one hour to decide. You have to have in mind that to stay is to die, but so is to leave. As you try to decide what to do, you hear your beloved elderly neighbor arguing with the soldiers, explaining that this is not how we are meant to live, and then you hear a shot and the screams of his daughters as they are taken away. As the father of two young daughters, you look at them, you grab your family, your elderly parents, and you run, making your way into the desert with little food, water or hope. If the terrorist get hold of your daughters, they will be sold as sex slaves. You can see their prices online. As your heart breaks to the future and mourns for the past, you cry out to the world around you, you cry out because someone in this world must break the silence. A lot of spiritual leaders, journalist, and leaders have broken this silence. For instance, Pope Francis has spoken several times of the many Christians, who continue to be persecuted, and of the complicit silence of many powerful world leaders. Also, James Foley, a Catholic journalist, broke the silence with his pen and camera, telling the story of those who are suffering in Syria. As his mother said, "he gave his life to expose the suffering of Syrian people." Those who beheaded him mocked his faith, but he was not silent. His voice and example continue to speak and to challenge us all. It is sad to read about Christians telling the stories of ISIS' targeting of their home parishes, villages, and families. Sermed Ashkouri, a Syriac man living with his family in America, took his children this past summer to the town in Syria where he grew up. He wanted to show his children where many of their family members died because they refused to be silent, because they loved their faith.

Even though the beauty of fall in New Jersey arrives, the horror of Christian persecution continues undiminished in the Middle East. Christians, Yazidis, Kurds, Turkmen, Kaka'e, and other minorities are persistently persecuted. Christian groups in Egypt, Eretria, Ethiopia, Nigeria and other countries in Africa are targeted with increasing ferocity. Iraq, which had 1.5 million Christians a few years ago, today has fewer than 200,000. Recently, we have seen how thousands of Syria's Christian population fled to Europe. We have heard about how desperation left a 3-year-old boy washed up on a Turkish beach.

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# PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS NEED YOUR HELP, PART 2

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The religious minorities that once flourished in a vibrant and diverse Middle East are fast disappearing. The world would be wise to break the silence, wake up, and realize the solution is not in the redistribution of peoples, but rather in getting rid of the very violent extremist at its source. The world has to refuse to be silent.

It is disappointing to see that despite ISIS' targeting of Christians and religious minorities, the US State Department refuses to grant these communities –these families- preferential treatment in the processing of visa requests. Last year, the State Department granted nearly 1,000 visas to Syrians, only 28 of whom were Christians. In Iraq, only one out of seven visas being granted is to Christians. In our parish community and as people of faith and good citizens, we have a chance to make a difference. We all can break the silence and ask presidential candidates what they will do to stop Christian persecution in the Middle East. As political campaigns are on their way, I hope we may not be defined by conversations about the Donald's hair and the Hillary's email, but rather by the cry to speak for the voiceless.

## **Fr. Jhon Madrid**

This is the largest number of refugees fleeing their homes since World War II, here are some suggestions on how you can help:

- Say the rosary for the refugees
  - With your families.
  - At the beginning your council meetings
  - Host a Rosary Rally at your parish
- Host a dinner or other event to raise funds
- Purchase the rosewood crosses from Supreme to raise awareness to their plight. Ask your pastor if you can sell the crosses after Mass then have a special prayer service for peace and bless all of the crosses.
- Share one of these videos at your council meetings:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHegSk2omdE>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYToDM7LrNU>
- Start a letter writing campaign to Congress asking them to allow refugees to have visas to enter this country and to take some action to offer aid.

If you think of other ways to help please share them with us so that others may do the same.

Remember, God is still on the throne and prayer changes things!

Thank you,

Joe D. Wickham, OFS  
Director of Special Programs

# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Good Day Good People,

I was entering Home Depot a couple of weeks ago and was totally shocked to see Christmas decoration out already. I remember getting upset when they started putting them out 2 weeks before Thanksgiving; now they're up the first week of October. The point that I'm making is that it's never too early to start planning for upcoming events.

We'll be starting off the year with the Polar Bear Plunge:

- Have you [joined our team](#), the NJKofC Polar Penguins?
- Have you started lining up sponsors?
- What about requesting sponsorships as Christmas gifts?
- Even if you are not plunging, have you joined the team to help get them sponsors?
- Contact [John Gazis](#) for more information

In April we have the Developmental Disability Drive:

- Does your council have a chairman yet?
- Some of the larger shopping centers book early. Have you contacted them about reserving the weekend of your choice?
- Have you mailed in your report from this past drive?
- Contact [Gary Seals](#) for more information.

Supreme Council announced the rosewood [Solidarity Cross Project](#) to raise funds for persecuted Christian in the Middle East. Maybe your council would consider purchasing a few hundred crosses and sell them as a fund-raiser to support a displaced family or two for Christmas. Wow, could you think of a better way to "Keep Christ in Christmas"?

In November we take time to remember those who have gone before us in faith and we take time to thank God for the many blessings that we have received. Let us joyfully give thanks and praise to God in the company of many family and friends. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

May God bless and keep us,  
Vivat Jesus,

Joe D. Wickham, OFS,  
[Director of Special Programs](#)

# CULTURE OF LIFE

Brothers:

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. Please be sure to use them!!

- [Diaper Drop](#),
- [Homes for Mothers](#),
- [Share in Life](#),
- [Baby Bottle Boomerang](#)

There is also a paper reporting form in the Grand Knight's Handbook for the Save a Life program. Be sure to report on that as well if you participated.

**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. If your council did participate, please e-mail our chairman, [FDD Dan Foley](#) and let him know how many members/parishioners were involved, how many pledge cards were signed, etc. Remember too that we are having another day on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016, so mark your calendars!

**March for Life.** The March for Life 2016 Rally will take place at noon on the grounds of the Washington Monument, near the corner of 15th Street and Constitution Avenue, on Friday, January 22, 2016. Following the Rally, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 15th and 17th Streets at approximately 1:00 pm. Some necessary advice can be found in the trip planner at [www.marchforlife.org/mfl-2016](http://www.marchforlife.org/mfl-2016).

This is a very important program, critical to our efforts to prove to the politicians and the media that the Pro-Life movement is strong, vibrant, and representative of the beliefs of a majority of Americans. Why do we march?

- To remember the 56 million lives of little girls and boys that have been lost to abortion.
- To demand legislative action to protect every life.
- To revive a culture of life across our country.
- To share the truth that abortion harms women physically, emotionally, and mentally.
- To share the truth that there is hope and healing after abortion.
- To show that each and every life is a gift.
- To be a voice for the voiceless.

Please consider being a part of it, if you are not already. If you are, please be sure to provide your bus information 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!

Vivat Jesus

Steven J. Richardson, FM

Culture of Life Programs Director

# From Our Webmaster

## From The Glow Of My Monitor...

What if you scheduled an event and nobody came?

That scenario **can and does** happen at times, despite the best of intentions. Councils are competing more and more against other time commitments such as programs, projects and events that their members and families have to juggle.

So how do you get your event to rise to the top, like the cream on a bottle of milk? For you younger readers, work with me, I realize that many of you were born after the good old days, when there was an actual person who delivered milk, butter and the like right to your front door!

Council event organizers have to recognize the new medium for what it is, and the need to capture the attention of their potential audience in a quick, pithy manner. The basis still begins with Journalism 101: Layout the Who, What, Where, When, Why and as needed the How Much.

This rule holds true for all media such as The Columbia and Cavalcade magazine as, as well as the Internet. I will focus mainly on promoting your event through the State website at [www.njkofo.org](http://www.njkofo.org).

**Press Release:** You must hook your viewers fast! The first few sentences, as in 2-3, are vital to success and must conform to the above rule and to, "Keep It Short & Simple!" Due to time constraints on my part, I will help promote your event if I do not have to serve as your event's editor.

Work with me! Give me something that I can Copy & Paste. You should tell your story in a concise manner. Send your release in Times New Roman or Verdana Type Style, 12pt. Type. After you have teased your readers with the concise message you can elaborate as you feel necessary and I can set the option for the viewers to read more.

**Flyers:** Submitting flyers for attachment to your event's announcement is great, but flyers have an additional rule: "Less is More!" White space on a flyer is your friend – don't make your flyer so busy with graphics and verbiage that the viewer will click out of your promotion due to boredom. Send me your flyer as a PDF file so the margins, graphics and announcement are preserved intact.

**Point of Contact:** Also known as the event's P.O.C. Be sure to include a name, phone number and an e-mail address for interested viewers reach out for more information. After you have created your flyer and saved it as a PDF file, TEST the links! You no longer have to type the [www](http://www) part for a web address, but it is necessary if you want a clickable hyperlink to work properly, but most people cannot copy & paste a web address into their browser window.

When in doubt, ask: 24/7, call me at 732-504-7496 or e-mail me at [webmaster@njkofo.org](mailto:webmaster@njkofo.org)



# SCHEDULED DEGREES

**LINK**  individual councils below for details.

## CAMDEN:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday, Nov 2	Council 1443	Haddon Twp
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday, Nov 4	Council 1443	Haddon Twp
1 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday, Nov 5	Council 3451	Egg Harbor City
1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday, Nov 16	Council 3784	Cherry Hill
1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday, Nov 16	Council 7463	Waterford

## METUCHEN

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday, Nov 1	Council 5959	Martinsville
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday, Nov 4	Council 2483	Hackettstown
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday, Nov 6	Council 6930	Whitehouse Station.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday, Nov 10	Council 6345	Kendall Pak
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday, Nov 10	Council 6226	Kenilworth
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday, Nov 27	Council 2061	Parlin

## NEWARK:

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday, Nov 3	Council 12769	Seacaucus
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday, Nov 4	Council 1711	Scotch Plains
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday, Nov 10	Council 2188	Westwood
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday, Nov 15	Council 3550	Ridgefield
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday, Nov 20	Council 4504	Union

## PATERSON:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday, Nov 18	Council 6320	Netcong
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## TRENTON

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday Nov 3	Council 8733	Tabernacle
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday, Nov 10	Council 14615	Little Egg Harbor
1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday, Nov 11	Council 636	Princeton
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday, Nov 11	Council 7333	Allentown
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday, Nov 17	Council 1672	Freehold
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday, Nov 19	Council 6201	Jackson

# COUNCIL ANNIVERSARIES

*Celebrating  
Anniversaries  
this Month*



<u>Council</u>	<u>Council name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Yrs</u>
<u>9113 – Marmora</u>	<u>Msgr James J Zegers</u>	<u>11/1/1985</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>9134 – Manchester</u>	<u>Leisure Village West</u>	<u>11/1/1985</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>9914 – Hopatcong</u>	<u>St Jude</u>	<u>11/1/1988</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>9920 – Swartswood</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mt Carmel</u>	<u>11/1/1988</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>137 – Jersey City</u>	<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>11/3/1895</u>	<u>120</u>
<u>3001 – South River</u>	<u>South River</u>	<u>11/3/1945</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>4486 – Park Ridge</u>	<u>Our Lady of Fatima</u>	<u>11/6/1957</u>	<u>58</u>
<u>11671 – Clifton</u>	<u>St Philip the Apostle</u>	<u>11/6/1995</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>2586 – Teaneck/Bogota</u>	<u>Chief Justice White</u>	<u>11/8/1925</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>11660 – Highlands</u>	<u>Rev Joseph J Donnelly</u>	<u>11/8/1995</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>13926 – Somerdale</u>	<u>Our Lady of Grace</u>	<u>11/9/2005</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>12413 – Garfield</u>	<u>Our Lady of Mount Virgin</u>	<u>11/10/1998</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>12092 – Bellmawr</u>	<u>St Jude</u>	<u>11/12/1997</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>7428 – Florence</u>	<u>Pope John Paul</u>	<u>11/13/1979</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>1443 – Haddon Twp</u>	<u>Santa Maria</u>	<u>11/14/1909</u>	<u>106</u>
<u>6513 – Malaga</u>	<u>Msgr James A Bulfin</u>	<u>11/15/1973</u>	<u>42</u>
<u>10206 – Wayne</u>	<u>Immaculate Heart of Mary</u>	<u>11/15/1989</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>7000 – Lawrenceville</u>	<u>Lawrence</u>	<u>11/17/1977</u>	<u>38</u>
<u>9925 – Somerset</u>	<u>St Matthias</u>	<u>11/17/1988</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>7429 – Berlin</u>	<u>Archangel</u>	<u>11/18/1979</u>	<u>36</u>
<u>6520 – Medford</u>	<u>St Mary of the Lakes</u>	<u>11/19/1973</u>	<u>42</u>
<u>5051 – Manville</u>	<u>Our Lady of Peace</u>	<u>11/27/1960</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>3471 – Hammonton</u>	<u>St Vincent Pallotti</u>	<u>11/26/1951</u>	<u>64</u>
<u>3756 – Ewing</u>	<u>Ewing</u>	<u>11/29/1953</u>	<u>62</u>
<u>1711 – Westfield</u>	<u>Msgr Henry J Waterson</u>	<u>11/30/1913</u>	<u>102</u>
<u>3240 – Roselle Park</u>	<u>Msgr Joseph F Loreti</u>	<u>11/30/1949</u>	<u>66</u>

## **Congratulations to Council 137 as they reach their 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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*

# SQUIRES CIRCLE

## New Jersey State Squires and Squire Roses Retreat



Friday, November 13, 2014 from 6PM overnight until Saturday, November 14 evening  
Easter Seals New Jersey Camp Merry Heart, 21 O'Brien Road, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

\$15.00 per Squire/Squire Rose \$ 25 per Adult, includes lodging and meals

This Retreat is open to all Squires, Squire Roses, Counselors, Fathers of Squires, Mothers of Roses or Guardians.

Our program is for **all** members of the Squires/Squire Rose programs regardless of age, there are separate cabins for the boys and the girls and their counselors. The cabins are fully heated and have bathroom facilities, and all meals are included. If you are coming on Friday evening please bring a change of clothes, personal toiletries, a sleeping bag and pillow. The beds are bare.

If you are unable to attend Friday evening, feel free to come Saturday morning. Each day's session is stand-alone but the fellowship of the Friday evening Bonfire is an experience not to be missed. Check in is at Victoria Hall 6-7:30 pm Friday and Saturday morning 7-8 am

We will be having 2 guest speakers as well as our own Father Prior, Father Ernie Rush.

All activities will be held on the beautiful grounds of Camp Merry Heart.

Camp Merry Heart - a program of Easter Seals New Jersey - provides a wide variety of recreation and activities to people of all ages and all types of disabilities and special needs. Well over 30,000 individuals have been served since its doors opened in 1954. The 123 acre facility in Hackettstown offers year-round programs in a beautiful and safe setting that provides opportunities for self-determination and group participation, along with physical exercise. Camp Merry Heart is accredited by the American Camp Association and the NJ State Health Department.


If you have any questions please contact Tom Rohe 973-479-5067 or email

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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.

## 2015

- **November 1 -** All Saints Day
- **November 2 –** All Souls Day
- **November 11 -** **Veteran’s Day - Fly your Flag**
- **November 15 -** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification – 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ District
- **November 22 -** 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification – 1<sup>st</sup> NJ District
- **November 26 -** **Thanksgiving - Fly your Flag**
- **December 5 -** District Deputy Mid-Term Meeting
- **December 7 -** **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**  
**Fly your Flag**
- **December 8 -** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- **December 12 -** Blessing of the Nativity Creche - Trenton State House
- **December 12 -** Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- **December 15 -** Reports Due
- **December 24 -** Christmas Eve
- **December 25 -** Christmas Day
- **January 1 -** **New Year’s Day – Fly your Flag**
- **January 6 -** Feast of the Epiphany
- **January 9 -** Grand Knights Mid-Term Meeting
- **January 18 -** Martin Luther King Day
- **January 22 –** March for Life

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



NOVEMBER 2015						
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DECEMBER 2015						
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JANUARY 2016						
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