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State Deputy



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State Deputy's Message

Greetings, brothers.

Tempus Fugit. As hard as it is to believe that the summer has come to a close, we are now experiencing chillier nights and brisk mornings. I hope that you were able to make the most of the warm days that are now heading south for the winter.

Year to date we've brought in over 300 new members, most of which have become members of a local council. Thank you for both of these achievements as there truly is strength in numbers. Again I will remind our council leaders that the post-Exemplification form #450 needs to be completed and sent to the Supreme Office **AS SOON AS AN EXEMPLIFICATION HAS BEEN HELD. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR IT UNTIL THE FORM IS RECEIVED.** This past month has seen an increase in form submissions and I thank you for that as well.

October is respect life month. With all the hostility we are facing in the social and political arenas regarding the lack of protection and preservation of life, i.e. the House of Representatives eliminating the Hyde Amendment, Governor Murphy's aggressive push for the New Jersey 'Reproductive Freedom Act', etc., we should be doing all that we can to make our voices heard locally and in Washington expressing our outrage on the invigorated assault on life, our most precious resource. The passage of Texas Senate Bill 8 and the United States Supreme Court decision not to hear an objection to it are bright lights in a very dark world. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly wrote in this month's Columbia: "We too must stand, with St. Paul and all Christians throughout history, for the poor, the weak, the abandoned, the elderly, and the most vulnerable of all – the unborn".

October 31 is the first anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney. I encourage you to mark the occasion with a special event. Speak with your pastor about him holding a mass that will celebrate this milestone on the way to sainthood for our founder. Consider placing an insert into the parish bulletin with a brief biography of him, don't forget to include a link to join us, www.kofc.org/join, encouraging men to do so using the code mcgivney2020 for a year of free membership. Speaking of which, remember that when your Financial Secretary submits the form 100 for those men who have transferred into your council he should enter \$0 for the amount owed.

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

CUF DEGREES

Monday, October 11, 2021
[George Washington Council 359](#)
 Council Hall, 13 South St, Morristown
 Candidate check-in 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 11, 2021
[Wildwood Council 2572](#)
 206 New York Ave, North Wildwood
 Candidate check-in 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021
[Our Lady of Fatima Council 4486](#)
 2 Freemont Ave, Park Ridge
 Candidate check-in 7:00 p.m.

The online Exemplification of
 Charity, Unity and Fraternity is
 available
ON-DEMAND.

Welcome new members
 to your council
 at their convenience 24/7.
 Send the **invitation** to
 prospects today.

**NOTE: Councils must file a
 form 100 for all candidates
 who complete an
 online exemplification.**

**For clarification on the difference
 between the
 Online Ceremony and
 Online Membership
 (Online Join),
[click here.](#)**

Dear Brothers,

I hope that you and your families enjoyed the summer months. As we move into the fall season we see many changes occurring. The days get shorter, the leaves change color and the temperature begins to drop. One thing that is not changing is the fact that there are large segments of our communities that are still suffering and in need of help. The pandemic and recent storm have shown us just how vulnerable many of us are. Many Councils are doing a tremendous job offering assistance. Just imagine how much more help we could provide if each Council had a few more people helping out. Please continue to reach out and ask someone to join us. Our Church needs us and our communities need us now more than ever. Let's not let them down.

Remember that all Councils are required by Supreme to run a Church Drive this fall. Order your Delta Church Drive Kits now if you haven't already done so. It can be ordered through Supplies Online and you can order up to 2 Kits. Also, we still continue to have a problem with Councils not submitting a Form 450 at the completion of a CUF degree. This form **MUST** be submitted after each Exemplification. All DD's should follow up with this and ensure it is being done. Please continue to use the OnLine Membership Process when bringing in new members. It is the quickest, easiest and most efficient way to sign up a new member. Always carry a business card with the QR code on it and write your Council number on the back and hand them out whenever you get the chance. You can still use a Form 100 but be aware that using this method will take some time to process.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or anyone on the Membership Team. We are here to help you succeed. Vivat Jesus
[Peter Donchak, FDD](#)
 Membership Director

Upcoming Events:

* PLEASE NOTE – **ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE** AT THE STATE COUNCIL OFFICE **ON THE 15TH 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

October 2021

- Oct 3rd - Rosary Rally – Mt Laurel
- Oct 6th – Birthday of Bishop Elias Lorenzo
- Oct 6th - Birthday of Andrew Lipenta, PSD, FVSM, FM
- Oct 10th – Rosary Rally – Clifton
- Oct 11th – Columbus Day
- Oct 13th – U.S. Navy Birthday – Fly Your Flag
- Oct 16th – Birthday of W. James White, KSG, FSD, PSD
- Oct 19th – Newark Pride in our Priests Dinner
- Oct 26th – Camden Pride in our Priests Dinner
- Oct 30th – 170th Anniversary of Newark Diocese founding
- Oct 31st – Halloween

November 2021

- Nov 1st – All Saints Day
- Nov 2nd – All Souls Day
- Nov 2nd – Birthday of Russell Petrocelli, State Advocate
- Nov 7th – Birthday of Bishop Kurt Burnett
- Nov 14th – Exemplification of the 4th Degree – 2nd District
- Nov 19th – 40th Anniversary of Metuchen Diocese Founding
- Nov 21st – Exemplification of the 4th Degree – 1st NJ District
- Nov 26th – Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 28th – First Sunday of Advent

December 2021

- Dec 2nd – Birthday of Bishop Manuel Cruz
- Dec 7th – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Dec 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec 9th - 84th Anniversary of the Camden Diocese Founding
- Dec 9th - 84th Anniversary of the Paterson Diocese Founding
- Dec 10th – 84th Anniversary of the Newark Archdiocese Founding
- Dec 11th – District Deputy Midterm Meeting
- Dec 12th – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 13th – National Guard Birthday
- Dec 21st – Winter Solstice
- Dec 24th – **Christmas Eve**
- Dec 25th – **Christmas Day**
- Dec 31st – Birthday of Thomas Ciborski, KSG, PSD
- Dec 31st – New Year’s Eve

Quarterly Calendar



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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Brother Knights,

In my continuing effort to provide ongoing information, this article is dedicated to CPR & AED. Most, if not all, of the churches within New Jersey have an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) in the church building but few, if any, of the parishioners, clergy or Ushers have any Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and/or AED training.

When an emergency occurs, you are asked to call "911", but the average response time is about five to seven minutes for a trained First Responder to arrive. Saving a life depends on what those on the scene do within that response time. At the very least, starting CPR to keep the blood circulating may make the difference in a life-or-death situation.

Many in the medical profession and First Responders are trained; and re-train, in both CPR, and AED use, to keep their skills sharp, but silently they all hope that they never have to use those skills. We know in the world we live in "to expect the unexpected". If it were a family member, a friend, and yes, a stranger who needs help and there is no one else around but you, could you respond to save their life? Your 1st action - CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!!

Since there are Knights of Columbus members, some of whom are ushers, at most, if not all Masses, who best to have trained in life saving techniques?

Let's make it happen!!

Disaster Preparedness – State Chairman

[Al DeBenedictis, PGK](#)



ROUND TABLES

Brother Knights all,

If the **Order is to continue to grow**, it is important we have a presence in every parish and community of worship. This is the decree of our Supreme Knight. You ask how we accomplish this. One way is to form a **Round Table** in nearby parishes, missions, College campuses or reach out to ethnic communities of worship in your own parish that do not have Knights of Columbus representation.

Sponsored by an existing council, a **Round Table** serves to "reach out" to other **churches, ministries and ethnicities** in the Catholic community, increasing membership and participation. In parishes where multiple ethnic communities are present and Masses are conducted in more than one language, **Round Tables** also serve as a unifying influence. In time, given a significant growth in membership, **Round Tables** can become councils in their own right.

The first step in forming a **Round Table** is to meet with the Pastor. When meeting with the Pastor, it should be explained that the Knights are there to help him and the parish. Review what the Knights have to offer in the way of services, fraternal benefits and volunteerism, and discuss the needs at his parish. Get the Pastor's recommendations for leadership, and who should be approached to join.

A Round Table is formed by filling out Form #2629 which can be found online at the Supreme website at <http://www.kofc.org>. Once formed, the **Round Table** must be **renewed each year** by the sponsoring council.

Brothers, we ask you about your local council and parish community, you are perhaps most knowledgeable about where **Round Tables** might be formed. Nearby parishes without councils of their own, mission churches, Newman Centers, colleges, universities and **ethnic communities** within your own parish are all candidates for **Round Tables**, and serve to significantly increase the number of men, families and ministries served by our Order. It takes only a **single member to serve** as a Round Table Coordinator and provide others opportunity to become a member! It is an easy project, but can be very successful to your Council, parish, pastor and community. Your assistance helping the pastor goes along way. Remember, it is one form at the beginning of the year, name one coordinator, no election, no mandatory meetings, no extra dues, jobs assigned by the pastor, all funds are held by the Council and a form at the end of the year (form 2630). But it will give you an entire new group of possible members to recruit. Remember after July 1st each year you need fill out form 2629 and name your Coordinator.

If you have any questions or how to form a round table or how to approach your pastor please don't hesitate to reach out to me, my phone number is on page 28 of the State Directory or by email.

[Christopher Tomasello, FM](#)

State Chairman – Round Tables

THE HYDE AMMENDMENT

In 1978 Congressman Henry Hyde of Illinois, a Knight of Columbus, introduced a legislative provision that later became known as the “Hyde Amendment” which barred the use of federal funds to pay for abortion, except to save the life of the woman or if the pregnancy arises took effect in 1980, an estimated 300,000 abortions were performed in the United States annually using taxpayer funds through Medicare, Medicaid, active duty and former military healthcare, federal employee benefits and others. The amendment has been reenacted every year since with an unsuccessful effort to make the amendment permanent law in 2017. Since 1976, regardless of partisan control of Congress, every appropriations bill funding Medicaid that passed the House included the Hyde amendment.

A January 2021 Marist Poll sponsored by the Knights of Columbus asked Americans: “Please tell me if you strongly support, support, oppose, or strongly oppose using tax dollars to pay for a woman’s abortion.” Fifty-eight percent of Americans say they oppose taxpayer funding of abortion, while 38 percent support it. Those numbers are broadly consistent with polling on the Hyde amendment in recent years. In 2016, a [Politico/Harvard poll](#) found that likely voters oppose Medicaid funding of abortion by a 22-point margin, 58 percent to 36 percent.

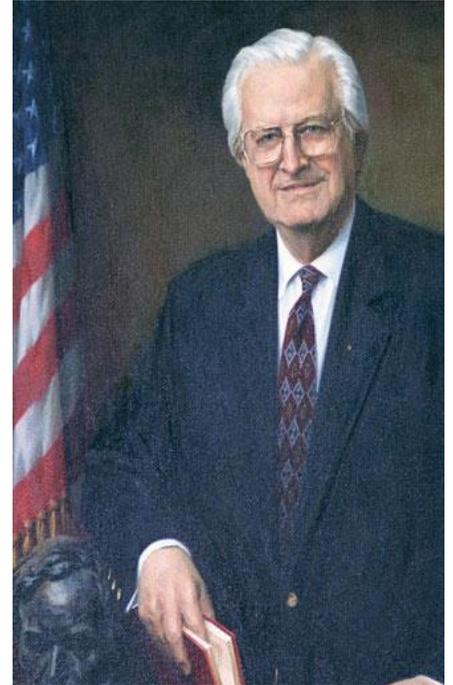
The 2022 Federal Budget submitted by President Biden last May, does not include reenactment of the Hyde Amendment in an apparent fulfillment of a campaign promise made by him last year. This is a complete reversal of his previous support for the bill for decades in the Senate. As you can imagine, Planned Parenthood and other “pro choice” organizations praised this lack of support thanking the President for his decision.

On the heels of the President's budget proposal, the House of Representatives recently passed an appropriations bill killing off the Hyde amendment by a 219-208 vote. Representative Chris Smith recently stated at the New Jersey Right to Life dinner that in 1980 there were many pro-life House Democrats, today there are zero. A motion that would have sent the appropriations bill back to its committee so the Hyde Amendment could be added failed by a 217-208 vote. Should the U.S. Senate also vote on their version of the bill without Hyde Amendment support the result would be that taxpayer dollars, yours and mine, would now be eligible to be used to provide abortions nationwide.

Brothers, the handwriting is now on the wall for all to see it. Should the 2022 Federal Budget pass without reenactment of the Hyde Amendment it will be the first pillar in the support structure for Life to fall. I am urging you to reach out to your elected representatives in Washington to demand that they support the reenactment of the Hyde Amendment to preserve life at its earliest and most vulnerable stage. Let them know that your vote must mean something to them and to retain it they must truly represent your interests and concerns. You can locate your officials at the following link:

<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

Vivat Jesus!
Jim Stoever



RETENTION

SEMINARIAN LETTERS

Brothers All,

Where did the summer go? I remember as a child, my birthday in August meant that school was just around the corner. The summers flew by then and seem to speed by faster every year.

Many councils take off for the summer or limit their activities and now it's time to get back to business. So create a call list of your members, distribute it among your council officers and invite all of you members back into the fold.

Also create an activity that no one would want to miss. Invite the families and friends and make it a community event, something that everyone will look forward to each and every year. Tell the brothers that you rarely see that you need them to help with the event, that their participation is needed and that it won't succeed without them

They key to Retention is for the member to feel needed, wanted, important and an integral part of the team.

I'm sure that you've heard the story of the member who never came back. Just in case you haven't heard it before, I'll give you a quick synopsis:

We all make a big deal about recruiting a new member and bringing him into the order. Once he joined, he attended a meeting and no one noticed. No one introduced themselves and he sat alone. He decided to give it another shot with the same results. The next month, he had something else to do so he skipped the meeting. The following month, he attended the meeting and still sat alone. He felt alone, unwanted and had better use of his free time elsewhere. After the meeting, he decided not to come back. He joined for a reason and wanted to be part of something and give back to the community.

That's the story but it could happen. Don't let it happen on your watch. Introduce the new brother at this 1st meeting. Assign a mentor to guide him so he understands what we do and why.

Brothers, in closing "Retention Never Sleeps".

Vivat Jesus

[John R Malinowski](#)

NJ State Retention Director

The Seminarian Letter Program is a terrific opportunity to support and encourage our future priests. In the Seminarian Letter Program, Catholic students write letters to seminarians. The letters from the students are often touching and inspiring, and are much appreciated by the seminarians. The Seminarian Letter Program is an inexpensive program, which can be run by one member. Listed below are ideas to start a Seminarian Letter Program in your council:

1. Request names and addresses of seminarians from the diocesan vocations office, or select any diocesan or order seminarian that is a member or friend of your parish or council
2. Request students from your parish school, CCD program, or youth group, to write letters to seminarians, stating in their own words:
 - A. Support and encouragement
 - B. Offers of prayer
 - C. Our need for priests
3. Forward the letters to the seminarians under council letterhead.

Actual quotes of thank-you letters from seminarians:

- *"The letters came at a most appropriate time and lifted my spirits and helped reconfirm my decision to explore God's call in my life. Please continue the good work that is the trademark of the Knights of Columbus."*
- *"It is this type of support that helps me, and those with me, on my journey towards the priesthood."*
- *"Thank you very much for the kind and amazing letters! They were well-appreciated! It is always a blessing to see the youth involved in their faith."*

With Christmas approaching, this would be a perfect time to ask the students to write to the Seminarians. Imagine the joy it will bring to these young men studying to become Priests

Remember to send copies to me and your District Deputy.

[John Tirado, FDD.](#)

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Brothers,

We are now entering our second quarter of this Fraternal Year, hopefully you are settled into your roles, and you have gotten familiar with the programs that we run.

Most of the programs you run utilize form [#10784](#) The Family Programs utilize a few Different forms.

Food For the Family: This Supreme Featured Program utilizes form [#10057](#) and is a fairly easy monthly program to run. Collect and distribute food to the less fortunate Families that reside in your Councils Jurisdiction. Solicit monetary donations and purchase items needed that aren't donated.

Food For the Hungry and Holiday Baskets: As we are now into the month of October, we should start thinking of those that are less fortunate than us and making a huge effort to run this program. Box up some needed items for a holiday meal. Your Council can donate locally through the church, local foodbank, or anywhere else there is a need. As Brother Knights and Catholic gentleman Charity is still our first priority. Giving to those less fortunate than us is an excellent morale booster for us, and the family receiving these wonderful gifts of food!

Family of the Month, This is an excellent program that, as you guessed, runs monthly. Pick any family and honor them. I have personally witnessed the joy a family receives when they are the recipient of this wonderful award. Think of honoring a family from your Parish that is not a member. When you present them with their certificate, give the father a "join me card", or direct him to KofC.org/joinus, a simple program turned into a membership drive. Utilize form [#10784](#).

Knights of The Month, Every month, as a District Deputy, I go to numerous council meetings, I am amazed at how a Grand Knight will point out a brother knight as doing a wonderful job. I then ask did you submit this Brother as the Knight of the month? Most of the time the answer is no. This is appalling and we should honor our brothers. Congratulations to the councils that do this fine program and utilize form [#10784](#)

Family Prayer Night, This is a year-round program, an easy program to run. Pick 1 night a month, hold a rosary, a prayer, bring the families together and do what we do best as Knights, pray and socialize. Serve some light refreshments and again this can be a mini membership drive. Utilizes form [#10784](#)

Keep up the great job you are doing,
[Jeff Hawarden, DD](#), Family Program Director

BILLBOARDS ALONG NJ HIGHWAYS

Brothers Knights,

The Billboards along New Jersey's Highways Program will allow your Council to be even more visible to the public. This is a new State Council Program this Columbian Year. The billboards can be used for Holy days, (Christmas and Easter) as well as for Pro-Life messages. You see billboards everywhere in New Jersey. You can find information in the 2021-2022 [Grand Knight Reference Guide in Section 5.12](#).

The State Council can help with the cost of the billboard rentals up to \$1000.00. The cost of renting a billboard can cost anywhere from \$400.00 to over \$4000.00 depending on location of the billboard, electronic or paper and the billboard company. Your council must submit the Billboard Assistance Form along with the receipt or invoice from the Billboard company to get up to \$1000.00 from the New Jersey State Council. There is a link on the page for the billboards to the Billboard Assistance form in the reference guide.



Above is a sample of a paper billboard. You should include on the billboard the KofC emblem along with your Council Name and Number and Contact Information for the Council. The Billboards can be electronic or paper (non-electronic). Two of the billboard companies we have seen along the roads are [Outfront Media](#) and [Interstate Outdoor Media](#), there are others as well.

Yours in Faith,
[Craig Oakum](#) PGK
State Chairman

Editor's Note: As this is a new State Program you can also contact Faith Program Director [Mark Spsychalski FDD](#), either Brother can answer any questions you might have about the program.

PROGRAM CORNER

FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORT FORM (#10784)

Complete the Fraternal Programs Report Form for every program your council hosts. This can be done online and helps your council complete the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) in January.

NOVENA FOR LIFE (SEPT. & OCT.)

The strength of the pro-life movement depends on our prayers. Your council can do its part by participating in **40 Days for Life** (Sept. 22 – Oct. 31), an October Respect Life Month activity or by conducting its own Novena for Life.

ST. JOSEPH: OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

Beginning Oct. 10, and running for six consecutive weeks, St. Joseph: Our Spiritual father will air on ABC affiliates across the United States through a partnership with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission. Visit kofc.org/stjoseph for further updates.

The **Billboards along New Jersey's Highways** Program is a new State Council Program this year. You can find information in Section 5.12 of the 2021-2022 Grand Knight Reference Guide. State Council will help with the cost of the billboard rentals, up to \$1,000. Billboards can be used for Christmas, Easter, as well as for Pro-Life messages.

Programs to begin planning now!

- *Faith:* Holy Hour and Pilgrim Icon. Be sure to assign an Icon Chairman.
- *Family:* Family of the Month, Family Prayer Night, and Food for Families.
- *Community:* Disaster Preparedness, Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, and Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.
- *Life:* Mass for People with Special Needs and Novena for Life.

Also be sure to log into the NJ State Council website at www.njkofo.org in order to view the online Directory, and updated GK Handbook, and links to all State and Supreme Program information and accompanying forms/reports.

If you have not registered for the NJ State Council website, click this [link](#), fill out the form and your password will be sent to you, usually within 36 hours

Vivat Jesus!

[Ed Michalak, FDD](#)

General Program Director

PATRIOTIC COLORS

Faithful Sir Knights,

October brings the idea of holding the Prayer vigil for Priests on Saturday, October 30, 2021. The First Anniversary of the Beatification of the Blessed Michael J. McGivney, our beloved Founder of our Order. Try and set up a Mass to honor your parish priests and the Blessed Michael J. McGivney in that time period.

Historically the month of October has so many rich happenings. October 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. It is a time when every family comes together and gives thanks to our Lord and Savior for the bountiful blessings that he has bestowed on this beautiful country, The United States of America!

Be it ever known that we as Knights are very proud to honor our country's blessings and as Fourth Degree Knights, we revel in our patriotic glories that encompass the ever growing historical aspects that America enjoys.

This brings me to the announcement that both the First District of New Jersey Fourth Degree of New Jersey and the Second District of New Jersey Fourth Degree will be hosting the Fall Exemplification in each District.

This is a golden opportunity for every man in the Order that is not a Fourth Degree to step up to the next level and backfill the numbers that were lost in the last few years due to the astounding number lost from the COVID-19 and it's variants. It is the most beautiful of all the degrees and a learning lesson that many have either forgot or learned when we were children in grammar school.

Lastly, the St Isaac Jogues Province welcomes our new Vice Supreme Master Walter "Wally" Wych, and thanks Former Vice Supreme Master Andrew E. Lipenta for his service to the Fourth Degree and our Order.

On behalf of Paul Pinkman Master of the 1st NJ District and myself, I bid you a safe month!

[John Brandon](#)

Master, 2nd N.J. District



INSURANCE MATTERS

Brothers,

Soon you'll be receiving your 2021 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of.

And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a Knights of Columbus Field Agent. Unlike our commercial counterparts, we share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, our primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need.

So as a Knight, you can meet with us as often as you'd like. We can use some of our cutting edge software and tools, as well as our own experience, to start exploring your financial situation, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. We can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget.

So as things get somewhat back to normal, and we all start to ramp up again in the fall, I encourage you to keep an eye on your mailbox for the Fraternal Survey, fill it out, let us know what's new, and we'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation - virtual or otherwise - so we can talk about potential next steps.

I look forward to connecting soon.

Vivat Jesus!

[Robert McGeehan](#)

General Agent

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

Worthy Brother Knights,

October is Respect Life Month

Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. This year's focus is on St. Joseph, defender of life.

Stop Most Extreme Abortion Bill Ever NOW

Congress is about to vote on the most radical abortion bill of all time. Call or email to stop them!

The ongoing push to force taxpayer-funded abortion in the budget process is terrible. The so-called "Women's Health Protection Act" is much worse.

In addition to funding abortion, this bill would mean...

- Abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy would be imposed nationwide;
- Pro-life laws would be on the chopping block at every level of government. This includes laws on parental notification, informed consent, and health/safety protections for abortion facilities;
- Health care professionals may be forced to perform, assist in, and/or refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs;
- Employers and insurers would be forced to cover or pay for abortion.

In support of Respect Life Month council can help with Pregnancy Center Support. Knights can aid the pregnancy centers by offering support to help women choose life. Councils will change minds about abortion by showing that the Knights love both mother and child before and after birth.

Adoption as an Option, Knights can educate women (and the public) that life is the only right choice.

Baby Bottle Boomerang Drive, Knights can distribute baby bottles that are returned filled with coins and/or checks support the critical mission of preserving a Culture of Life.

Diapers for Babies, help the mother by providing this much-needed economic assistance. This can also be done through fund-raising and bulk buying of the diapers, wipes, etc.

Homes for Mothers, pregnant women find them-selves homeless for one reason or another. Support these home with monetary donations.

40 Days for Life, have Knights and Councils take part in the prayers, with the end result of reducing abortions.

Drive for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities, If your council hasn't held your drive yet. Please consider having one before the holidays. I've been asked about the 10% that the State keeps from the drive, please let it be known that the Knights are a Platinum Partner with New Jersey Special Olympics, your donations go to this program.

Fraternally,

[Gary Seals, FDD](#), Life Director



State Deputy Comments continued

As I reported last month, the Supreme Council is launching a new series of programs entitled "Saint Joseph: Our Spiritual Father". The series starts on October 10 and runs for 6 consecutive weeks on ABC affiliates across the United States. Check your television schedule as we get closer for dates and times. In the meantime, you can preview the series by following this [link](#). Saint Joseph was a man of great courage who's faith was tested many times before and while raising Jesus. We should turn to him asking for strength and our own courage as ours is tested today.

Please remember our departed brothers and those in need of our prayers as we continue in the spirit of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Let's get going!

Vivat Jesus!

[Jim Stoever](#)

State Directory

Brothers,

The 2021 – 2022 NJ State Directory is available on the NJ State Council website, listed under "[Grand Knight Resources](#)". To view it, you must be logged onto the site, using the password sent to you when you registered with the site. Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, and District Deputies, Past Grand Knights, Past Faithful Navigators, Chapter or Federation Presidents, State Directors, State Chairmen and Diocesan Coordinators all have access to the directory and find it useful in the performance of their duties.

The directory can, and will be, updated throughout the Columbian year, as more information comes in. When information shown in the Directory changes for any reason, a "Directory Update Form" must be filled out so the information will be uploaded into the database we use to send information out through email and US Postal Service mail.

[John A Gazis, FDD](#)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Brothers,

With Fall here, children are back in school and Halloween is around the corner, so naturally, our thoughts will begin to move toward the big Holiday coming at the end of the year, Christmas. I know, I know, you're thinking right now "It's too early to think about Christmas!" Well, it's really not too early. In fact, as of October 1, there are less than 85 shopping days until Christmas, not really a lot of time when you think about it.

Which leads me to my point. I am sure your Council has started planning for the upcoming season. The programs you are planning should include children's events such as Christmas Parties and Breakfast with Santa, and include handing out the [Advent and Christmas coloring books](#). We also have the [Keep Christ in Christmas Card Program](#), which has great Christmas cards for you and your family to send to others, lawn signs or magnets. Use the links above to contact the Chairmen of those programs and they will forward the information on their programs to you.

Each Council has members that work hard every month, and we thank God for these members. Having them as members makes it possible to do what your Knights of Columbus Council does to make our world a better place. Some Councils may recognize these Brothers every month by naming them Knight of the Month at their business meetings and putting it in their Newsletters, which is a great gesture, but are they doing the paperwork?

Every month the state receives a report from Supreme showing which Councils in New Jersey filed the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month forms. Unfortunately, most months there are only a handful of Councils listed. We ask that everyone send in the forms, both to the State Council and the Supreme Offices. You might be surprised to find one of your members was named the Supreme Family of the Month or Knight of the Month. A Family of the Month nominee does NOT have to be a Knight. All they need to do is be active at the parish level. Ask your Pastor for help, if you can't decide on a worthy family. I am sure he will be more than happy to assist you with this.

[John A Gazis, FDD, Crusader Editor](#)

MILESTONES



*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



State Deputy James Stoever, 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 to **"Let it Begin With Me!"**

Council	Council Name	Council City	Charter Date		
12833	Mater Ecclesiae	Berlin	10	01	2000
371	Star of the Sea	Bayonne	10	02	1898
262	Father Juan Perez	Passaic	10	03	1897
2544	Commodore John Barry	Dunellen	10	08	1924
1273	Barrett	West New York	10	11	1907
2861	St. Michael's	Lodi	10	12	1942
8478	St. Bernadette	Parlin	10	12	1983
11873	St. Bartholomew	East Brunswick	10	12	1996
14675	St. Mary's Stony Hill	Watchung	10	12	2008
16835	St. Paul the Apostle	Jersey City	10	12	2017
3359	Our Lady Of The Lakes	Denville	10	15	1950
2842	Sacred Heart	Rochelle Park	10	19	1941
13991	Pope John Paul II	Irvington	10	22	2005
1280	Father Carey	Carteret	10	24	1907
14658	Nativity of Our Lord	Monroe Twp.	10	27	2008
1277	Montclair	Montclair	10	29	1907
6411	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	New Brunswick	10	29	1972
6621	Pope John Paul XXIII	Vineland	10	31	1974

Happy Anniversary

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