

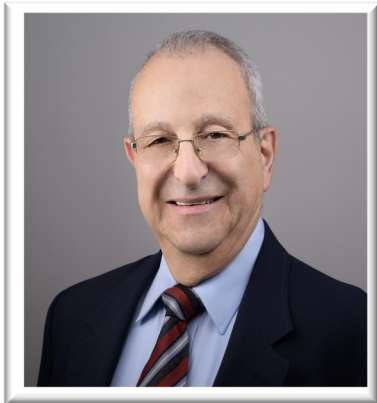


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State Deputy's Message



Vincent Tavormina
State Deputy



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Dear Brother Knights,

As you read this, the "Dog Days" of summer are at an end. July and August are behind us and the kids are getting ready to go back to school (some of them already have!). So, what does that mean? Time to get back in the swing of things and grow the Order! I know, I know, everyone is tired of hearing "Membership, Membership, Membership" all the time. I was too when I was in your shoes back in the day. But, the truth is, in order to survive, we need to grow. There is no such thing as staying put.

One of the main reasons we need more members is so that we can continue to do the great works that we are known for. Our programs are off to an excellent start under the leadership of Director Scott Williams and his staff. And planning is underway for even more events in the coming months.

The New Jersey delegation recently returned from the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis. It was a great 4 days. We had an opportunity to interact with Brother Knights from around the world, sharing stories of all that the Knights do to make a difference. When you see members from 75 Jurisdictions, representing over 17,000 Councils and 1.9 million members, it gives you a better understanding of what we have and will accomplish.

Also, at the Convention, we had a beautiful Opening Mass, with numerous Cardinals, Bishops, and Priests taking part; a fun evening at the States Dinner, which also had a poignant moment when the parents of Kendrick Castillo a young man who sacrificed his own life in a school shooting in order to save his classmates, spoke to the dinner guests; the memorial closing Mass; and a very nice NJ delegation dinner which included a montage of photos of NJ Knights shown on 2 TV screens. In the business session the afternoon of the States Dinner, young Kendrick, whose unfulfilled dream was to become a Knight when he turned 18, was voted a member of the Knights of Columbus unanimously by the delegates in an unprecedented action.

But, the absolute best part of the Convention, in my biased opinion, was the Hospitality Room/Open House. Thanks to the hard work of Tamara Cassidy, John Gazis, Scott & Karen Williams, Johnny Amato, and the numerous other people who helped out. The room was decorated to look like Atlantic City and we had stuff like dice & playing cards from the Tropicana, taffy, cannolis, blueberry muffins, etc. to give away, and NJ was the talk of the rest of the jurisdictions!!

Brothers, in September, each Diocese will be conducting Membership Training. Please make sure that your Council is represented by at least one member. I promise you it will not be the same ol', same ol'. My Membership Team has been instructed to make these sessions interesting AND informative. I guarantee that you WILL learn something new. And, who knows? You might bring in some new members to your Council!

May God continue to bless you and your families, and the Knights of Columbus! .

[Vincent Tavormina](#)

State Deputy

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

| DEGREE/DATE | COUNCIL # | LOCATION |
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| <u>CAMDEN:</u> | | |
| 3rd – Sept 17 | Council 6277 | Linwood |
| 1st – Sept 19 | Council 9193 | Blackwood |
| 2nd – Oct 3 | Council 9193 | Blackwood |
| <u>METUCHEN:</u> | | |
| 1st/2nd – Sept 11 | Council 6930 | Whitehouse Sta |
| 1st/ 2nd Sept 12 | Council 2483 | Hackettstown |
| <u>NEWARK:</u> | | |
| 1st - Sept 4 | Council 6209 | Union City |
| 1st - Sept 16 | Council 3428 | North Arlington |
| 1st – Sept 17 | Council 2561 | Caldwell |
| 2nd – Sept 18 | Council 6209 | Union City |
| 2nd – Sept 19 | Council 3962 | Ramsey |
| 1st – Oct 2 | Council 6209 | Union City |
| 1st – Oct 7 | Council 4504 | Union |
| <u>PATERSON:</u> | | |
| 3rd – Oct 25 | Council 588 | Sparta |
| <u>TRENTON:</u> | | |
| 1st – Sept 19 | Council 6520 | Medford |
| 2nd – Sept 29 | Council 7926 | Pt Pleasant |
| 1st – Sept 23 | Council 6213 | Hamilton |

Degree Notes:

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

Dear Brother Knights:

As the summer comes to an end quickly, we must get back to growing our order. We have had a non-impressive July and August. The number of scheduled degrees was also down. By now you should have seen the financial incentive plan that recently went out. It was sent via email blast and or you received a copy from your DD. This will be a great way to obtain members and your council to receive a financial reward. Also we will be having Diocesan Membership Training shortly in each Diocese. Please assure at least one council officer attends this informative session, preferably the Membership Director and Grand Knight. Also invite any member that is interested in growing our order.

With October right around the corner we should be scheduling a church blitz. Ideas for a successful blitz will be addressed at the Diocesan Training. So, let's start planning for these blitz weekends now. With these blitzes, we should also look at an open house for the prospective members **and** their wives to hear and see what we do. Also set up an admission degree in your council or work on a collective degree within your District.

If a prospective member does not want to sign up at that time, ask them to consider looking at what our order does and consider online membership. Info can be found at www.kofc.org/joinus. Please do not forget to provide them with your council number.

Involve your field and general agents with your open houses to assist with signing up members. They are an asset in helping attract prospects.

Do you have an ethnic presence in your parish? Ask one or two parishioners of the ethnic group to join or consult with your Pastor. Generally, if they join the others will follow. This is a great way to grow your membership and an opportunity to create a round table.

We have ethnic chairmen in Spanish, Polish, African American, Indian and Filipino. So, look at the state directory online for their contact info. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.


[Christopher Duffett, 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

September 2019

Sept 2 ~ Labor Day – Fly your Flag
 Sept 8 ~ Blessed Mother's Birthday
 Sept 11 ~ Patriot's Day – Fly your Flag
 Sept 18 ~ Air Force Birthday – Fly your Flag
 Sept 20 – POW/MIA Recognition Day- Fly your Flag
 Sept 28 ~ Fire Truck Pull Challenge

October 2019

Oct 6 - Rosary Rally – Mt Laurel
 Oct 13 – U.S. Navy Birthday – Fly Your Flag
 Oct 13 – Rosary Rally – Clifton
 Oct 14 – Columbus Day
 Oct 30 – 169th Anniversary of Newark Diocese founding
 Oct 31 – Halloween

November 2019

Nov 19 – 59th Anniversary of Metuchen Diocese founding
 Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Day

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Please forward this
 Newsletter to all your council members.

WWW.NJKOFC.ORG



Quarterly Calendar



SEPTEMBER 2019

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Highlighted Programs of the Month

FIRE TRUCK PULL

We all know the incredible sacrifice made by the men and women of the Armed Forces and by their families. They accept the call to serve and the challenge to protect and defend our great country. Should it not then fall on our shoulders to reciprocate and protect them when they need us?

Your help is needed today as much as any time on our nation's history. Our wounded veterans face many challenges – medical, physical, emotional and social. Among the many issues facing them, 2 have risen to critical levels – homelessness and suicide!

Homeless vets have sadly become a common sight. On just 1 single night in January, our country had 37,800 homeless vets, 23,000 without any shelter. The image of a vet living on the streets with nothing more than a piece of cardboard is not only an embarrassment, it is deplorable.

Many veterans see no light at the end of the tunnel. Twenty-two veterans commit suicide daily, and grows every day. We as a nation must own this statistic, we as Knights must do something to stop it.

I know, you are saying "but what can I do?" The answer is simple, come pull a fire truck!!! **On Saturday, September 28, at First Energy Park** in Lakewood, NJ, the Knights of Columbus is hosting a Fire Truck Pull, with 100% of the net proceeds going to assist wounded veterans through supporting 2 national programs - the Gary Sinise Foundation and Mission 22 – and direct support of local veterans.

With your support by starting, joining or sponsoring a team, this event will be the success our veterans need it to be. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(C)3 corporation.

For more information or forms contact [John Brandon](#) (732) 787-0236, or [Jeff Bourne](#) (609) 468-4369



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. It is "A Center for Christian Renewal", conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers. 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, and has been since the 1920s!!!

The date for this year's State Knights of Columbus Retreat is October 18-20, 2019.

The State Retreat is not meant to infringe upon or disrupt any local council's scheduled retreat; indeed, you are encouraged to have your own retreat! **Please send an e-mail or a post card with the # of knights attending your retreat and the place and date to the State Chairman.**

The State Retreat is held for those members who cannot attend their own council's retreat, or who may wish to attend more than one or any other reasons. Retreats for your own council should be arranged early so that reservations can be made without disappointment.

DEADLINE for REGISTRATION: OCTOBER 8,
Date of Retreat: October 18 thru 20, 2019.

*Because of the difficult financial times, the Retreat House bills have dramatically increased. They depend, more than ever, on contributions from our retreatants, Councils, Assemblies, Chapters, and Federations. Please seriously consider donating or donate more than the stated stipend.

The 2019 Theme for the weekend will be: "THE CALL TO HOLINESS, Journeying with Christ and others towards the fullness of life". This retreat will invite you to reflect on your personal call to holiness and to the fullness of life in Christ, to become "what the Father had in mind when he created you" and to bring God's love to the world.

For further information, contact the State Chairman, [John Leclercq, FDD](#)

PROGRAM CORNER

Worthy Brothers,

The summer is almost over and we are coming up on ¼ of the way through our Fraternal Year. I hope you have been working towards fulfilling the SP-7 requirements.

One of the **Family** programs that are continuous from month to month are the Family and Knight of the Month programs so please send your forms to Chairman, Christopher Ege, FDD at mustangknight@hotmail.com. Additionally, while it is a ways off it is never too late to begin developing your plan to run "Keep Christ in Christmas" greeting card program. The process to get involved is relatively simple. The initial Christmas card offerings have expanded to include Christmas cards in Spanish, Italian, Polish, Ukrainian, Tagalog, French and cards with African-American and Native-American Madonna and Child depictions. A Council needs to contact the NJ State Keep Christ in Christmas program chairman, Brother Pete Kudless @ pkudless@verizon.net or call him @ 609-230-8139.

Our **Community** Programs have many opportunities so look at the GK manual provided at the GK training or on-line at nikofc.org for some ideas. While it may, be 90°+ right now in no time, it will be cold and the Coats for Kids Program will be in full force. Contact the Coats for Kids Chairmen Robert Morgan, PGK at bobmorgan@optonline.net Order your coats now so you have them in time. We also need to plan the collections for Food for the Hungry and Eyes for the Needy.

The **Faith** programs also offer many opportunities including the required Spiritual Retreat. The NJ State Retreat is scheduled for October 18-20 at the St. Alfonso Retreat House. Come join our State Officers in growing in our Faith. Please contact the program chairman John LeClerc, FDD at john.leclercq@hotmail.com with any questions. The Soccer Challenge begins this month so if your Council is participating you need to contact your Diocesan Coordinator or the State Chairman (see your directory listed on the State Website).

Within the **Life** Programs, it is never too early to do the Novena for Life. Contact State Chairman Peter Kueken, DD at reginamundi@optonline.com for details. Also, consider working on the Supreme FIA Program, Pregnancy Center Support. You can support this very worthwhile program throughout the year. Please contact chairman, Dan Farago, PGK at dfarago2@verizon.net.

Keep working on the FAITH IN ACTION Programs. Remember to use your Fraternal Leadership Planner, which you should have received by now to assist you in planning your program calendar.

Keep your Council as **"PATRIOTS PROTECTING ALL GODS CHILDREN"** through your programs development and implementation, as well as, continuing to recruit new members and retaining those that have lost their way.

Remember we are only a phone call or e-mail away.

[Scott Williams, FDD](#)

NJ State General Program Director

PATRIOTIC COLORS

Faithful Sir Knights,

Well, summer is over for the youth attending school. Drive carefully as school is open.

August was a very busy month as some of us attended the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis. A great time was had by all. As always the States Dinner was most inspiring as all the states and countries were well represented. It was heart-warming with all the religious heads being escorted into the dining area. Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, is a great speaker and as always, he has done a great deal for our order.

Congratulations to State Deputy Vinny Tavormina and Lady Tamara for doing such a great job at the convention and the N.J. State Dinner.

Many Assemblies have had their officers installation this past month. To those who have stepped up to guide your assembly - Congratulations! A thank you for a job well done to all of the officers who have guided you this past year.

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree whose distinctive presence in parades, wreath-laying ceremonies and Catholic functions is a viable reminder of our service to the church and community.

In a time when too few Christians are prepared to speak up for what they believe, members of the Patriotic Degree act on what is right and honorable by:

- supporting and defending the truth in public arenas;
- building a culture of life and civilization of love;
- defending laws that recognize the sanctity of life at all stages;
- standing together to ensure true religious freedom.

On behalf of the Master of the 2nd NJ District, Chris Tomasello, Vice-Supreme Master - Andrew Lipenta, and myself, we hope that each and everyone of the Knights will join the Patriotic Degree this November 10th (2nd District) and November 17th (1st District).

Paul Pinkman
1st NJ District

INSURANCE MATTERS

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE

I know that most of you that know me or have heard me talk around the state at Knights functions, will say "food!" It's all about the food may be my personal mantra, but when we talk about insurance needs, I change that to, "It's all about the death benefit".

To put it another way, it's all about Human Life Value. What is Human life Value? It is the economic value you have to your family. It's what you bring financially to your family and what they need to replace when you pass. Think about it, you insure your car for replacement value, and you insure your home for replacement value, because if you're in a car accident or your house burns down, you want to have a place to live and a car to drive.

When you pass your family needs to replace the present value of all the income or social security benefits that you would add to the family, (when a spouse dies, the surviving spouse loses the lower social security payment, so that needs to be figuring into this calculation). If you make \$60,000 a year or \$1,000,000 a year, your income is essential to taking care of your family and allowing them to live the way you want them to live. I have delivered hundreds of checks to widows and families and nobody has ever said, "this is too much take some back". I always get asked, "could he/she have gotten more?"

Replacing your income allows them to pay off the mortgage and debts, provide for education or pay for a wedding, and provide an income stream so that they don't end up living in the car you insured.

If you were hit by a truck tonight when crossing the street, your attorney and the attorney for the company, would meet to determine your Human Life Value and then they would negotiate up from there. How much would you want your family to ask the truck owner for?

That should be the starting point for your life insurance too, (adding paying off debt, educating kids, special occasion/wedding planning, and final expenses). Your Knights of Columbus insurance agent can help you figure out the value of your life to your family, (and the value of your wife's life to the family as well), and help you put together a customized plan to protect your family now and into the future. What kind of insurance, (renting vs owning), how long you want to pay, other living benefits and tax favored status of life insurance are all details for when you sit with your agent.

It's who we are and what we do. Protecting Catholic families since 1882, (Father McGivney taught us that it's all about the Death Benefit).

[Charles Miraglia](#)
General Agent

CULTURE OF LIFE CORNER

Brothers,

With Pro-Life Month only 30 days away your council should be getting ready for a big push for Culture of Life in October. Effective programs take planning, so your council needs to start now! You need to be visible in your parish and community, getting the message out for Life. So, what should you do this month?

40 Days for Life. The Fall 2019 observance runs from Wednesday September 25 to November 3, 2019. Last spring's movie **Unplanned** showed the positive effect of prayer to stop abortion. PGK Mark Kiernan is the liaison for the Knights to the eight local 40 Days Observances in New Jersey. He will be sending info to your Council regarding the Observance in your area. Please encourage your members to strongly support this effort. Put simply: "You Gotta Show-up!"

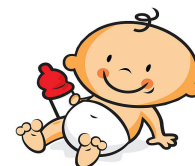
Turn Off the TV Day. Promote this in your parish. You're going to need a run-up for this to let people know about it and get it on board. Plan a family fun night at your parish for October 23 to give them an alternative to the screen! Resources for that program are at this [LINK](#).

You could also:

- Hold a Rose Sale! This not only raises money for your pro-life programs but makes your fellow Catholics Ambassadors for Life by wearing them.
- Start getting pledges for a Spiritual Adoption program starting in October. Information on how to run one is available at this [LINK](#).
- Hold a Baby Bottle Drive to raise money for donations you can make in October.
- Conduct a "Diaper Drop" to support pregnancy care centers in your area and help them to do their jobs!

Remember, September is for planning, and October is for execution. This is especially important if your council "took the summer off."

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



ESSAY CONTEST

Worthy Council Leaders,
Please make sure that all your councils and Program Directors receive this e-mail!
Last year, there was much ado about the Essay Contest. Below is the theme for this year so please read the Grand Knights Handbook!

2019-2020 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Theme:

Discuss the meaning of Virtue and how you live and embody the virtue of Charity.

"Charity is the theological virtue which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1822

Biblically, virtue is understood as the conformity of life and conduct with the principles of morality, while Charity signifies the reciprocal love between God and man, one that is manifest in unselfish love and eloquently shown in the life, teachings, and death of Jesus Christ. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

In an essay of 500-750 words, consider the meaning of virtue and think about ways in which you exemplify the virtue of Charity to glorify and reflect the nature of God. This could be at home with your families or in your communities, as you enrich the welfare of others.

- July/August: Council, assemblies order Catholic essay Contest Kits through supplies online, which can be accessed in the officers Portal, and contact schools to obtain cooperation. at this time, the due date and means of recognizing winners should be determined. **ORDER YOUR KIT NOW!!!**

EA-KIT on Officer's On-Line!!

- September: students write essay.
- October: Judges review essay for council level.
- November/December: Judges review essay at the district and jurisdiction level.
- January: Jurisdiction judging. essays due to the supreme Council for international judging by January 31. Jurisdiction winners should be recognized at the jurisdiction convention or another jurisdiction event.
- March: international essay Contest winners announced by the Supreme Council

Please make sure your Program Director has this information right away so we don't have the same issues that a number of Councils had last year. The kits need to be ordered NOW as the students need to write essays in September

WEBMASTER

A Word About Degrees

For the many, many, many years that I have been a Knight – Ok, so it has only been 18 years this November – there has always been an established protocol as to who can, and should, be posting Degrees.

The Admission Degree, formerly referred to as the 1st Degree, is the "Grand Knight's Degree". He is the one who sets the ball in motion, setting the time, place and coordinates with the Degree Team – which should be the Team from his own Council.

Next, he spreads the word. EVERY Degree, held anywhere in the State, should be posted on the state website – no exceptions!

Candidates awaiting Degrees are like fish on a dock, they eventually will wither away.

For a Grand Knight, or the Financial Secretary, to post an Admission Degree, the process has been made very easy:

First they need to log-in to the state website at www.njkofo.org; then select "Degrees" from the left hand menu; then select "Admission and Formation Degree Reporting Form" from the drop down menu. Complete the form in its entirety and click "Send". It is that simple.

The form is received "in the speed of light" by the Diocesan Aide to the State Deputy, who will check the entry for formatting and completeness, and then releases it. Every Degree is then posted under "Degrees", posted on the state on-line calendar, and, depending on press deadlines, published in The Crusader – the state e-newsletter.

Formation Degrees are "The District Deputy's Degree. These Degrees, and by default "Dual" Admission and Formation Degrees are his purview as well. The same procedure for posting remains the same.

Likewise, Knighthood Degrees may ONLY be filed by the Host District Deputy. Only a District Deputy can even "view" the Knighthood Degree application, which is located under "Degrees". The only difference is that this is a print & mail, to Ceremonial Chairman Russell Petrocelli, form (with payment).

Once the signed form, and fee, is received, and the Team is organized, the Degree is released and posted. Candidates for advancement should be eager, I know I was, and should encourage scheduling and posting of Degrees. Councils should always welcome Candidates from neighboring Councils.

To paraphrase Mr. Spock, "May your Councils live long and Prosper!

Vivat Jesus!!!

[Bernie Ernst, FDD,](#)

NJ State Council Webmaster

SQUIRES CORNER

Welcome Brothers.

The summer is over and we are back to business. In September a lot of our circles will be having Exemplification of New Members.

Budd Lake:

- Dig footings and pour concrete for new K of C parish shed
- We will be assisting with Council soccer challenge
- We have scheduled our Fall road clean up Sept 29th
- We are running a Craft vendor sale Oct 19th

Sparta Roses:

- Bake Sale Oct TBA

There are plans for service projects around the state this year and will be announced shortly.

Youth are the keys to our future; our Squires/Squire Roses statewide are busy working at many projects assisting our council, our parishes, and our community.

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

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

If you would like to start a circle or get more information on Squires or Squire Roses you can contact anyone on the list below.

Contact:

- **Peter Briody, PGK**
Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Director – NJSquires@gmail.com
- **Nick Cutrone, PGK**
Columbian Squires State Chief Counselor - cutronekofof@gmail.com
- **Tom Rohe, DGK**
Columbian Squire/Squire Rose Regional Chairman North - trohe4@optonline.net
- **William McCartney, FDD**
Columbian Squire/Squire Rose Regional Chairman South- MccartneyJr@lcloud.com

Peter D Briody, PGK
Columbian Squires/Squire Rose Program Director

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

My fellow Knights,

Every year at this time, we are brought back to reality, summer is almost over, vacations are mostly finished, and those of us that attended the Supreme Convention have been home almost 2 weeks already. We now face "Back to School" advertisements, and in most cases 10 months until our next vacation.

But on the bright side, the weather will start cooling off a bit and traffic in shore areas should get back to what passes for "normal". Try to enjoy the next few weeks with your friends and family, you only have a few weeks left for the 3 "B's", barbecues, beaches and backyards.

With the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis this year, I had 2 companions on the drive, and we had a ball on the 2 day trip up and 3 days coming home. The week we spent in Minneapolis was awesome, some went sightseeing at the Mall of America, some went to a Twins game, which was within walking distance of our hotels. A few attendees really made a trip out of it, traveling to other states to do some sightseeing before arriving at Convention. I highly recommend attending a Supreme Convention, not only do you see and hear firsthand what the Knights do, but you get to meet members from other jurisdictions, making friends and feeling the Fraternity of the Knights of Columbus.

I have been spending a lot of time the last few weeks doing what I can to make 2 retired priests a little more comfortable in their homes, and I get something out of it also. I get the satisfaction of knowing that I made a difference in their lives. One gentleman just got home from the hospital and I do what I can to make his transition home easier, whether it means taking his laundry to be done, shopping or going to the Post Office for him, or just sitting and talking with him. You would be surprised how much you would get out of something like that. These guys have lived through some of American History that you and I haven't, and their stories can be inspiring. Just like their homilies, their memories hold a message and make you think.

The 2019-2020 NJ State Directory has been sent to the printer and hopefully will be distributed in a few weeks. As happens every year, some of you will open it to check your information and some will find an error I made, typos. It happens! Simply send me an email informing me of the error and I will update the online version of the book, as well as apologize for the error. Diocesan Directories will also be available on the State website once I receive the information from the Diocesan Coordinators running the programs in your areas.

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

MILESTONES



*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



| COUNCIL | NAME | TOWN | CHARTER DATE | YRS |
|---------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----|
| 11213 | St Maria de la Asuncion | Elizabeth | 9/1/1993 | 26 |
| 5611 | Msgr Thomas U Reilly | Spring Lake Hts | 9/8/1964 | 55 |
| 3495 | Bishop McLaughlin | Morris Plains | 9/9/1952 | 67 |
| 2396 | Lyndhurst | Lyndhurst | 9/10/1922 | 97 |
| 3560 | Madonna Maria | Sea Isle City | 9/11/1952 | 67 |
| 257 | New Brunswick | New Brunswick | 9/12/1897 | 122 |
| 2188 | St Thomas More | Westwood | 9/12/1920 | 99 |
| 5324 | Cardinal Newman | Matawan | 9/12/1962 | 57 |
| 3352 | Mater Christi | Williamstown | 9/21/1950 | 69 |
| 6306 | St Paul the Apostle | Highland Park | 9/21/1971 | 48 |
| 7647 | St Therese of Lisieux | Cresskill | 9/22/1980 | 39 |
| 16566 | Santa Margarita | Morristown | 9/22/2016 | 3 |
| 816 | Mary, Queen of the Knights | Neptune City | 9/30/1903 | 116 |
| 3451 | St Vincent de Paul | Mays Landing | 9/30/1951 | 68 |

State Deputy Vincent Tavormina, along with the entire NJ State Council and the Newsletter Staff, would like to take this opportunity to send **ALL** councils best wishes on their **Charter Anniversary**.

May your council continue to grow and do good deeds for many more years to come! Let's continue to grow our Order, expand our programs and continue to be "**Anchored in our Charity and Fraternity!**"

Happy Anniversary

[NOTE: Due to the large number of anniversaries in certain months, we may have to limit the publishing list to the names of councils celebrating their **25th**, **50th**, **75th** and **100th** Anniversary in some months. When there is adequate space for more, we will include all Councils]

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