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## State Deputy's Message

My Brother Knights,

Every year on July 1, we begin again. That means the incoming Council officers and District Deputies have a New Year to improve on the accomplishments and goals of the previous year. This means that each member, every council, every Grand Knight and every District Deputy has the opportunity to capitalize on attaining new goals and achievements for the coming year.

It takes planning, organizing and placing people in the right positions to be successful.

Training is the key and all councils are encouraged to begin this training in September through their Regional Training and Development Coordinators. More information and dates will be available for the Diocesan training.

As mentioned at the Grand Knight's meeting held in June a new incentive program for recruitment has been announced for New Jersey. To help Councils grow the order, beginning July 1 through June 30, a Council that recruits new members less suspensions will receive \$10.00 for that member. (net number) from the New Jersey State Council.

Each member that is recruited or reactivated, a copy of the form 100 is to be sent to the State Membership Director, to be entered into a drawing for the proposer to be held at the Midterm meeting in January and again at the GK meeting in June.

A District Deputy that achieves Star District for the year (less any inactive council) will receive a \$100.00 gift card.

The Founders Day Awards Dinner will also be explained shortly. Each council and District Deputy that has the highest percentage in net gains by council members (size) in each Diocese will be eligible for a plaque and dinner. Any District Deputy that re-activates a council will also be eligible for the award. This incentive will begin July 1 to March 29 (Founder's Day).

The 2015-2016 Columbian year should be a year of growth and success for every council in the State of New Jersey. Our Program and Membership teams are ready to help. Success can be achieved, failure should not be an option.

Have a great year and let us continue "**Protecting God's Kingdom**" by our actions, words and deeds.

*Vivat Jesus*

*Bruce De Molli, State Deputy*



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## REV JOHN MURRAY, SMA

The State Council was saddened to learn of the passing of Father John Murray, SMA, on July 9, 2015. Father Murray is survived by his siblings Sr. Marie Andre, OP; Sr Mary Cril, OLM; Sr Anne, OP; Ms Margaret English and Joseph Murray.

Father Murray studied at St Dunstan's in Canada, Catholic University in Washington DC, and received his Masters of Divinity from Dalington Seminary in 1979.

Father John responded to the call of his Country in Deember 1941, aheiving the rank of Staff Sergeant before being Honorably Discharged for health reasons. It was through his illness that he saw the need to respond as Chaplain at Holy Name Hospital in 1962, a position he remained in, ministering to the ill as a Priest almost to the end.

Father John joined the Society of African Missions (SMA) in June of 1952 and took a permanent commitment on May 31, 1956. He was Ordained to the Priesthood on Feb 9, 1957 at the Shrine of the Immaculate Coneption in Washington, DC.

Father Murray served the SMA in many positions and places. He served a number of years in African-American parishes in the South, East St Louis and Tuczon, AZ. He never hesitated to sit in the "colored" sections in theaters when he went with members of his parish or with the religious sisters, Franciscan Handmaid of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, with whom he maintained contact until the end.

He also worked for a while in Liberia, West Africa until health issues forced his return to the United States. Most of his Priestly life was lived in Tenafly in the positions of Vocations Director, Vice Superior, Promotion, Chaplain to hospitals in the area and to the Knights of Columbus.

Father Murray was a strong member of the Knights of Columbus in 1958. He served as Friar for his Assembly, as Chaplain of many Councils, his Chapter, and the Columbiettes. He also served as Father Prior to the State Squires Program, earning the title of Father Prior Emeritus when he ould no longer served as full time Father Prior, turning that position over to Father Ernest Rush.

To list his many positions and accomplishments with the Order could fill this newsletter by itself. Let's just say he lived the motto "In Service to One, In Service to All

The First New Jersey District stood as Honor Guard at Fr Murray's viewing and funeral Service, led by Master Russell Petrocelli and District Marshal John Leclercq

Rest in Peace Father John, you are missed.

# Program Corner

Brothers,

I hope you are all having a great summer with your family and friends. These warm times can make us easily forget the tough winter we had. But, the summer may also make us forget the good works we need to get done. Let's keep our focus and start to plan out the activities we hope to accomplish this Columbian year within our Council's. We need to stop for a moment and look forward. We need to have our service program plans in place to have a successful Columbian year.

How are we going to get there? Supreme has given us a great tool in the Fraternal Leadership Success Planner and State Council has produced the Grand Knights' Handbook. During the Grand Knights meeting in late June, we gave an overview of the planner as well as the GK Manual and asked you to make good use of them. We can use these resources to our advantage.

To help increase the level of good that each of our councils do, Supreme introduced a series of "Featured Programs." All of these programs have several things in common.

- They help others in need.
- They do not just engage members of the Council; they incorporate our parish and community.
- They help us reach others beyond the doors of our Council. This in turn, encourages other likeminded Catholic men to join.
- They attract the attention of local media – that community interest article all of the local news editors are looking for.

If you think the "Featured Programs" are too difficult for a single council to achieve, talk to your District Deputy about making one or several of the programs a District endeavor. Supreme gives all of the Councils involved credit for their participation.

Our August considerations should be:

- An organizational meeting with your chairmen;
- a "District Featured Program" e.g. Coats for Kids;
- the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia;
- Venerable Fr McGivney's Birthday, 8/12;
- the Soccer Challenge kit, should be ordered by 8/20.

As you can see from the programs and actives planned, August is a busy month, like any other month that can bring great memories with a plan to achieve your goals.

Let us, together, do our best to develop a calendar of programs with the tools supplied by our State Council and Supreme. Remember, to have fun in doing and promoting God's work while bringing other like minded Catholic men into our Order.

Vivat Jesus!

Keep the Faith,

Jim Sweeney FDD

# HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAM OF THE MONTH



## SOCCER CHALLENGE

VITO PULITO, CHAIRMAN

### IT'S TIME TO KICK IT UP!!

Soccer is in the air and it is time to start thinking SOCCER CHALLENGE. At the New Jersey State Grand Knights meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Hotel, I had the great pleasure to meet many of you as you came by my table to pick up your Order Kit form. I gave out over 100 forms, what an outstanding sign of enthusiasm for the program and I hope you followed through and ordered your kit. Let me introduce our Soccer Challenge team leaders, below. The team had so much fun last year that they all returned – THANK YOU Worthy Brothers!! Please reach out to anyone of us with any questions.

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We have an aggressive program timeline and it is very critical that we hit these target dates.

<b>Council –</b>	<b>Target no later than end of September</b>
<b>District –</b>	<b>Target no later than mid –October- TBD by District Deputy</b>
<b>Regional –</b>	<b>Target no later than end of October – TBD by Regional Chairman</b>
<b>State Final -</b>	<b>Target early to mid November – TBD by State Chairman</b>

A key lesson learned from the past is that we need to continue to COORDINATE & COMMUNICATE. The team is fully coordinated as to the program and timelines. A must do as a Council leader is to contact your District Deputy with your soccer challenge details and also contact your regional chairman, listed above with the same. This will ensure transparency of the activities. The chairmen will report this information in their monthly reports so we are all connected. This clearly ensures that we are all on the same page and have a smooth Soccer Challenge. The team and I truly look forward to having an OUTSTANDING 2015 SOCCER CHALLENGE and most important let's make sure that our little soccer stars have FUN!!

Vivat Jesus, Vito A. Pulito, State Soccer Chairman



# General Agents Corner

## “Dog Days of Summer”

Charlie Miraglia, General Agent

I don't know about you, but if I were a dog I would be upset that the hottest, most humid, most uncomfortable days of the year were compared to me. I know that my dogs are always looking for a spot in the shade, so I know they don't like the heat and humidity either.



It's the time of the year when we all naturally slow down to try to beat the heat. Many of you reading this will take vacation and either go to the beach or to the mountains to cool off. Those vacations are usually with our families. A time for some good healthy fun in the sun. Time to relax and recharge our batteries, before the kids go back to school and we go back to the rat race.

That makes August the perfect time to meet with your Knights of Columbus insurance agent. He'll take the time to meet with you and your wife to make sure that your family is protected from tragic losses. He'll take the time to explain our new programs and products. He'll go over the changes in Social Security that affect all of us. He'll help you plan a way to protect your family, now and in the future. He will also help you protect your retirement.

In Columbia magazine there was a recent article that talked about all the guarantees you get from our Insurance program. Here's the one that matters the most. We are Brother Knights, whose sole concern is fulfilling Fr. McGivney's dream that no Catholic family suffers financial devastation from the loss of a loved one.

Help us, help you, schedule an hour with your agent and let us customize a program for you and your family. It's why we were founded and it's who we are and what we do.

Protecting Catholic Families since 1882.



# MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Brothers,

I hope you are enjoying the summer so far but the one thing we must always remember is that the Knights of Columbus is a 12 month organization and believe me, this is something I haven't forgotten.

I hope you have sent in your Service Program Personnel Report, Form #365 due on August 1. This is one of the prerequisites for STAR COUNCIL. This is also a good time to meet with your Pastor to set up 2 membership drives (BLITZ) for the upcoming year.

Set up your RETENTION team and have them start making calls to members you have not seen in a while. Remember these members are brothers and may have fallen on bad times. Let them know what your Council is doing and invite them to be a part of it. If they have fallen on hard times this is when CHARITY, the first principal of our Order, comes into play. Touch base with your ROUNDTABLES and see if there's anything they need.

Meet with your insurance agent. Perhaps set up an insurance night and partner with him to reach your goal of STAR COUNCIL.

Start formulating your different programs in order to keep your members active. All of these programs bring fulfillment to the Council, the Church and the Community.

As you start bringing in new members, set up degrees right away so they don't lose interest. We always stress how we want them to join and then it takes 2 months to get them to a degree. Once they've taken their degree, get them involved and invite them to bring new members into our Order.

The planning and strategies that you develop now will help you prosper in the end.

Your friend in Christ,

Michael F. Vaclavicek, FDD

State Membership Director



# FROM THE EDITORS DESK

This year, the first week in August bring a special event to the area, the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, August 4, 5, 6. This Convention is something special to see as there are representatives from all of the jurisdictions of the Order throughout the world.

The week begins over the weekend with the host jurisdiction, Pennsylvania, having many events planned, from touring Philadelphia, visiting the Battleship New Jersey, or spending the day in the Amish Country. Monday is the annual “pin exchange”, which I compare to the Stock Exchange floor. It is a large gathering of convention attendees trading state pins. Some of the traders are over the top in their venture to get the tough pins, Hawaii, Alaska, Poland are usually the toughest pins to get. In my opinion, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, and California usually have the nicest pins. I left NJ out because I didn’t want to appear biased. Every year, our State pins are in demand by people from other State Councils, and I expect this year to be no different.

Tuesday begins with the Opening Mass, which is an unbelievable event. The procession at the beginning of Mass is something you have to see to believe. Imagine 200 Color Corpsmen leading a procession of 80 Cardinals, Bishops, Monsignors, Priest and Deacons. Mass is celebrated every morning by our Supreme Chaplain ArchBishop Lori. The day ends with the States Dinner, another awesome event, with an impressive entry procession and every jurisdiction singing their state song throughout the evening.

After Wednesday’s meetings, most jurisdictions have a “State Dinner” at a restaurant in the area. New Jersey’s dinner will be held at Maggianos Little Italy, where we are sure to be joined by other State Councils.

This year will be my 13<sup>th</sup> convention and I have had a blast at all of them. My first one, in 2002, I was so nervous not knowing what to expect, that it was over before I knew it. My strongest memory of that 1<sup>st</sup> convention was being asked to second the motions for the State Council. Later I found out the reason was that I had the loudest voice, imagine that, lol. After that first year, I saw everyone was having a great time, visiting friends they see every year at this time. I have made many friends from other State Councils, been invited to events in other states which unfortunately I couldn’t attend because they would fall on the same weekends of important events here in NJ.

With the Convention being so close to home, this would be a great time for you to experience your first Supreme Convention, which I am sure will make you want to attend another one in another area, where you will do the tours and visit a city you may not have gone to otherwise. Next year, Toronto, get your passport now, avoid the rush.

[TV & Radio Coverage of the 133rd Supreme Convention | Knights of Columbus](#)

John A Gazis, FDD

# Culture of Life Corner

Brothers:

It is already August! Where is the Summer going? In my experience, it is over before you know it, so I hope that you have started at least one Culture of Life program by now! Also, if you have not already done so, please be sure to appoint a Respect Life Chairman and a Religious and Civil Rights Chairman for your council. Once you have, be sure to let us know, so that we can get e-mails and other information to them. This can be done easily by online form for [Respect Life](#) and [R&C](#). We need you to do this, even if it is the same person as last year!

**Pro-Life Month.** Even though it is in October, you should be starting your planning now. There are lots of things that you can be doing, so it will take you some time to implement them. Consider having a Diaper Drive, not only in your council (bring a box of diapers to a meeting) but in your parish as well. Now is the time to get on the church calendar to have your event. Pick a weekend and ask your pastor if you can have a drive and get the Catholic community involved. Letting the men at Mass know what you do will make recruitment easier!

Also, October 21 is Turn Off the TV Day, so you will need time to promote this in your parish with flyers and announcements in the parish bulletin. A pulpit announcement would be good too. Again, get the Catholic community involved. All the resources you need are on the [State Council web site](#).

There are many other things you can do too! Have a Respect Life Mass on October 22; hold a vigil at a local abortion mill; order and hand out Truth Booth Cards! Make this October special with lots of pro-life activities!

**ACE Wings.** While you are doing this, don't forget the Pro-Life Warriors in your council that make these programs happen. Keep track of who is doing what, and send in the nomination forms once they qualify. In doing so, please bear in mind two things.

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First, they must be pro-life programs as described in this year's Grand Knight's Manual. There have been some changes from last year, with some programs dropped and others added. This is not to say that you can't come up with your own programs, but they should be in line with our goals: 1) Educating the Public on Pro-Life Issues; 2) Removing the Barriers to the Choice for Life; and 3) Speaking Out as Catholic Citizens on Pro-Life Issues.

Second, some programs take time to implement, with many activities aimed at achieving a goal. If a member participates in several fundraisers for a program, such as diaper drops or rose sales to raise money for an ultrasound machine, that still just counts as one program of the five needed (Diapers for Babies/Ultrasound Initiative). It's tough to get your Wings, but once you do, you will wear them all the more proudly!

Vivat Jesus!

Steven J. Richardson, FM

Culture of Life Programs Director



# From our Webmaster



Some of you...OK, many of you may not believe it but a great deal of filtering and safeguarding takes place before mail from the State Council arrives in your mailbox.

It begins with protecting your privacy, both in the State Directory paper edition and on-line. Two years ago we researched enforceable civil and federal penalties for unauthorized use, or electronic data collection ("mining") of the names and personal e-mail addresses contained within the directory and on our mail server. With the help of Counsel to the State Deputy Gil Scutti, we revised the warning against improper use of the State Directory.

I do not subscribe to the casual resignation, "Oh well, Spam is part of the Internet life". Although we had a successful run for over 8 years with easy-to-remember e-mails (i.e. DD1@njkofc.org) – it made my life a LOT easier, spammers caught on. But spammers are not always so smart. We have a few tools in our toolbox to stop, track and prosecute them – without spending a dime. We just have to let them keep being annoying one too many times where they leave one too many trails. If we have a verified trail – and you have to be very careful about making a complaint – we turn them into a service called SpamCop and they work with the Federal Government on prosecution.

We also were able to reverse track an annoying fellow through his IP address. With the help of Google Earth I mailed him a photo of his house and asked him to please stop being annoying to our members. He has stopped...

We get many requests from a variety of sources throughout the month to forward to their members in a particular Council; Chapter; District; Diocese; or Statewide. Brothers, absolutely NOTHING is distributed to you that has not first been cleared through the State Deputy, in writing!

Editor John Gazis creates the Crusader, compiling articles from the Directors and composes the Feature article, once approved it is handed off to me for distribution to the 7,200+ members on our direct distribution list. Through the cooperation of the Grand Knights of individual Councils, members receive their copies as well. At last count, that sub-distribution added over 15,000 more readers.

Another monthly distribution comes by way of our State Religious & Civil Rights Chairman, Former Supreme Director and Past State Deputy Jim White. Working with the New Jersey Catholic Conference, Jim provides "Talking Points" to the individual Council Religious & Civil Rights Representatives who have been appointed by each Grand Knight; every District Deputy; the State R&CR Committee as well as any other members interested in receiving a copy directly. Again, the Taking Points are also cleared through the State Deputy prior to Distribution.

This past weekend we loaded about 7.874 unique names to the mail server. Two weeks ago, I sent out a broadcast e-mail to all 2014-2015 senior officers and staff members, providing them the option – in a mild way – to be left alone as they settle into retirement. Otherwise I would shift them into the "e-newsletter only category". I was pleasantly surprised that less than 10 "retirees" asked to be removed from the distribution list. This speaks well for the quality of the communications tool that members have come to look forward to each month.

The one area of the website that I feel is under-utilized is the reporting of degrees by Councils. I know that they are taking place because I receive the monthly membership reports from State Statistics & Analysis Chairman Henry Debski. If Councils with candidates can locate a nearby Degree they can advance a new member. Otherwise the prospect is like the seed left on the rocks to wither and die. Degrees may be posted by the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or District Deputy through the State website. If you post a degree but require a change, please email me at [webmaster@njkofc.org](mailto:webmaster@njkofc.org)

Bernard Ernst, FDD  
State Webmaster

# NJ COLUMBIAN SQUIRES AND SQUIRE ROSE

Welcome from the New Jersey State Columbian Squires & Squire Roses, It has been a long week with the Loss of Fr. John Murray. His sendoff was a great tribute to his life. We will all miss him.

As a tribute to Fr. Murray, this year consider a contribution to the Fr. John Murray Scholarship Fund.

We are working on our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Statewide Retreat for Squires & Squire Roses scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>.

As you are putting together your annual budget, Please don't forget a contribution to the John Attardo Scholarship.

## **Circle Update**

### ***Wildwood:***

In June Participated in K of C Italian fest. Helping on the kid's games and wherever needed. In July Squires added (3) new inductees making 15 total members.

On July 23 they will visit the local hospital for an education on their local hospital.

### ***Sparta:***

Our first Squires "social" was Thursday 7/16 at St. Kateri Church. They served burgers and hot dogs. They participated in some outdoor games including volleyball.

***Esto Dignus,***

***Peter D. Briody, NJ State Squires Squire Rose Director***



# 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

- August 4, 5, 6 -** Supreme Convention, Philadelphia
- August 12 -** Birthday of Fr Michael J McGivney
- August 14 -** Passing of Fr Michael J McGivney
- August 15 -** Reports Due
- September 7 -** Labor Day - FLY YOUR FLAG
- September 15 -** Reports due-
- October 15 -** Reports Due
- Oct 23, 24, 25 -** State Retreat
- October 31 -** Halloween

## Quarterly Calendar



## From the Crusader Staff

As the summer winds down, let's spend as much time as possible celebrating our families, your physical family, as well as your Church and Knights families. Take your family for an outing to the beach, the mountains or just spend the day together in the backyard, enjoying each other's company and all God has given you.

Remember those we have lost, they are not gone, we will see them again across the great divide

Please forward this Newsletter to all your council members.

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