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MERRY
Christmas



And Happy New Year From
The State Officers & Ladies



State Deputy

Brothers, we enter the month of December looking forward to celebrating Christ's birthday. We are now at the halfway mark in our fraternal year and every district and council should be meeting the goals and objectives that were planned for at the beginning of the year.

For you and your councils, membership and programs go hand-in-hand. One cannot be successful without the other. Here's a unique idea for the Christmas gift of a lifetime! How about signing up a Catholic man, eighteen years of age or older, to join our order, the greatest Catholic fraternal organization in the world! Give him a Form 100 to fill out or even better get him to join on line at the website www.kofc.org/joinus. It's easy to join and he can specify that he wants to join your council. Someone will contact him once he signs up. What better gift to give to someone (a relative, friend, parishioner, priest) than showing him you want him to join our order, sharing in the many charitable things we do and showing him the way the Knights can support him and his family financially.

I ask you all not to lose sight at this time of the year of the things we as Knights can do for those less fortunate in our parishes, communities and councils. This is what we are all about! What better way to say thank you to Almighty God for all the blessings He's bestowed on us then by helping others less fortunate.

Remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas". Our new state programs allow our members to display car magnets, lawn signs and billboard messages to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas. It's not Happy Holidays, or Seasons Greetings. CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON! Put a sign on your lawn, set up a crèche, put a magnet on your car and wear a button on your jacket!

I ask all to continue to work on the new "Faith in Action" programs that are required to achieve Supreme Council awards at the end of the year. All councils must focus on this initiative that is the key to growing our spirituality for our councils, communities, members and families.

On behalf of Maryann and me, our family and my Brother State Officers and their families, we wish you and your families a most Holy Christmas, filled

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General Programs

Brother Knights,

As a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization, the Knights of Columbus performs so many great charitable works that help our Catholic Church, our community, and those less fortunate or vulnerable. It is inspiring to just look through this issue of the Cavalcade for a small sampling of these outstanding charitable works throughout the state. By helping others, as Christ beckons us to live, members receive great personal satisfaction and, fortunately, are able to extend an offer of membership to those eligible so they, too, can share in this good feeling. Remember that Membership and Programs go hand-in-hand. To keep our Order vibrantly alive, we must continue to bring in new members to help expand our programs and, likewise, we must offer worthwhile programs to attract new members.

The goal of every council should be the Star Council Award (see www.kofc.org/star), and one of its components is the Columbian Award which demonstrates excellence in service programs and charitable outreach. Every functioning council should be able to fulfill this program requirement with some thoughtful planning! Therefore, I ask that you take the time to plan and implement not only the programs that are conducted by your council year after year, but to add a number of new programs during this year, especially some of the mandatory and optional programs within the new "Faith In Action" program model, to better connect with our Catholic Church and to truly exemplify the principals of our Order for ALL in the local community to see. Visit www.kofc.org/faithinaction for more info.

Additionally, the Safe Environment Program is a critical component in this year's mandatory training for key council personnel (Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director) and optional training for any interested Brother Knight. Background checks are also performed on the Family and Community Directors. The Safe Environment Program is so important because it safeguards children and other vulnerable persons. It assures members and their families that we maintain a safe environment, protects members from awkward situations, misunderstandings, appearances, impropriety, builds trust with arch/dioceses and parishes, and protects the good name of the Knights of Columbus. Be sure to check it out at www.kofc.org/safe.

I look forward to seeing each Grand Knight or their designee at the "All-GK" meetings being held in January. Important information presented at these

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State Membership Chairman

Dear Brother Knights:

Growing our Order and the advancement of our ideals and principles is the goal of the Membership Team. In the spirit of honesty and transparency, we had a terrible first half of the Columbian Year as it relates to membership recruitment and we should take a moment and consider what we did well and what we need to work on to have a successful second half of the Columbian Year.

We continue to lag in scheduling Admission Degrees. As we approach January 1, 2019 on the calendar, there are only seven (7) Admission Degrees scheduled in the entire State of New Jersey. The scheduling and execution of Admission Degrees is the responsibility of a Council – the Grand Knight and Admission Committee. A degree can be presented by a certified team, presented using the on-line video, or read by a team that is in the process of being certified. Do not wait until you get a candidate to schedule an Admission Degree – schedule the degree and then recruit candidates to that scheduled degree. Work with your District Deputy, Chapter or Federation, and the State website to get the word out about a degree and have others join you when the degree is exemplified. There is no greater feeling than joining the Order with many new brother knights also participating in the degree.

The use of on-line membership continues to be very successful in our state and across the Order. We are approaching the one year anniversary (February 5) when on-line membership went live in New Jersey and the results have been remarkable. Men are seeking us out who want to join our Order. How many times have we stood outside of church, conducting a membership drive, and we ask the men leaving church – Would you like to join the Knights of Columbus or Are you a Knight of Columbus? The on-line membership portal (www.kofc.org/joinus) has opened membership to hundreds of men who either did not know how to join the Knights or in response to that infamous, age old response...no one ever asked me to join. Is this different – yes...is it the way that you and I joined the Order – no... does it work – yes! After February 5, 2019, I will report to the State Council the anniversary numbers of online membership and, until then, if someone expresses interest in our order,



don't let them get away without having them check out the on-line membership portal.

The best way to bring in new members is through the programs and activities that your council sponsors. Men are not looking to join the Order to go to meetings. It is great if they can attend meetings but being involved in our programs is a sign of their dedication and commitment to the Order. We are headed into Basketball Free Throw season...as a council, are you prepared with membership material at these events so that you can ask every father who brings a child to the free throw if they would like membership in our Order.

As always, the Membership Team is here to assist you anyway we can. Please feel free to contact me and I will help you or direct you to the Membership Chairman of your Diocese.

Happy New Year to you, your family, and friends!

ANCHORED IN OUR CHARITY & FRATERNITY!

VIVAT JESUS!

Russell D. Petrocelli, FM

State Membership Director

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with the blessings of the Christ child and our hope for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

VIVAT JESUS!

Bob Hatler, State Deputy



Culture of Life Program Director

Brothers:

Last year I asked you to put the Cause for Life at the top of your list of resolutions for 2018. The goal was to do more than you did in 2017: more Life Chains, more letters written to your local paper, or more diapers donated to a local pregnancy care center. I hope you have done that and can look back on a successful year. Unfortunately, our job has gotten even harder, and your efforts must increase even more for 2019, as this country becomes more hostile to our mission.

You have probably seen in the news that, in confirmation hearings for a U.S. District Court Judge, Democratic Senators Kamala Harris (California) and Mazie Hirono (Hawaii) implied that the candidate's membership in the Knights of Columbus (i.e. his Catholic beliefs) could interfere with his impartiality as a judge. Senator Harris described the Knights as "an all-male society" and asked if he was aware that the Knights of Columbus "opposed a woman's right to choose" and were against "marriage equality" when he joined. Senator Hirono actually asked him if he would quit the group if he was confirmed "to avoid any appearance of bias!"

This is a direct attack on us as Catholics and is representative of an ever-growing anti-Catholicism in our government and this country. This is what we're up against, and we cannot remain silent! You must resolve in 2019 to speak out on our beliefs and against this bigotry. We need strong, vocal Catholic citizens who will write more letters to newspapers, post more on social media, and protest more at the abortion mills.

The beginning of a new year gives us some of our greatest opportunities to do this. The March for Life in Washington and the Rally in Trenton allow us to display our strength in numbers, to make powerful statements in the media and to our leaders that the movement is growing. The country is turning towards Life, and young people (especially young women) are leading the



way. Our lawmakers must know that we are Catholic, we are Pro-Life, and we vote! We will double down, not back down, when faced with anti-Catholic bigotry.

But we should also do this in a positive way by showing our fellow citizens how what we do helps people! We don't "oppose a woman's right to choose"; we support her in her choice for Life! We do not try to deny someone a "death with dignity"; we try to protect their right to live and enjoy the time they have remaining! Do this by not only conducting programs but send a press release to your local paper about that carload of diapers you just dropped off or the money you raised to support shelters for homeless mothers.

You also need to let the state council know because there is strength and power in numbers. One council may have donated 1,500 diapers, but councils throughout the state donated 100,000 diapers! If you do something, send a report! A steady stream of positive messages about our efforts for life will turn hearts. With this strategy and this political climate, we can win! We just have to set and meet our goals!

Make this the year you are the best Catholic Citizen you can be, the year that you get your Wings! Large goal or small, aim to be one more person doing his part to end abortion. With every Knight making that resolution, just imagine what we can do!

Vivat Jesus!

Steven J. Richardson, FM
Culture of Life Programs Director

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General Programs

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meetings can also be accessed by logging into www.njkoafc.org. Here are a few of the current and upcoming programs for your calendar: Free Throw Contest, Spelling Bee Contest, Bowling Tournament, and "Keep Christ Before Us" Easter and Communion books. Also, remember to submit nominations now for: Family of the Month/Year, Knight of the Month/Year, Chaplain of the Year, Police Officer, Firefighter, and/or EMT of the Year, Faith Teacher of the Year, and Senior Citizen of the Year. We all know who these heroes are, so nominate and, most importantly, recognize them! See the State Council's GK Handbook for further details on these programs and more! Be sure your council receives credit for the great work done by ensuring the following reports are submitted: Annual Fraternal Survey (Form 1728) by 1/31, Semi-Annual Audit by 2/15, and all Program Reports (Form 10784 or other) for each of your activities. (See www.koafc.org/forms).

In closing, the NJ State Council General Programs Team and I, along with our families, hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and extend our best wishes and prayers for a happy, healthy, and successful New Year that brings deep spiritual growth to each of you, comforting hope to those in need, and immense joy and fulfillment in giving to others. God bless you for all you do for our Order and for our Catholic Church.

Vivat Jesus!
Fraternally,

Martin Boyle,
FDDNJ State Program Director

12620 Food Donations

Members of the Rev. James B. Coyle Council **12620** collected approximately 1500 pounds of food that was delivered to the Mercy Center in Asbury Park, NJ. Food was donated by parishioners from St. Jerome Church, West Long Branch of Our Lady of Hope Parish. We thank them all!



Council 6462 Diaper Drive

Council **6462**, St. Joseph's Council in Mendham collaborative diapers and baby wipes drive (with several parish ministries) for the benefit of the Lighthouse Pregnancy Centers) as part of the Knights of Columbus Diapers for Babies Program was very successful.

Our Council coordinated the event for the parish ministry collaboration. Special thanks to Daun Forrester (and family), Diane and Tom Quaglia, Jim Devine, Steve Andrew, Ed Grace, and Angelo Sansano.

We now need one or two volunteers (depending on the vehicle they own) to deliver the collected items to the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center in Wayne, NJ.

Please let me know if you think you can help and we will coordinate the delivery with the Lighthouse. Thanks to all for the support for this effort, which on short notice showed the great generosity of our fellow parishioners.

The collaboration proved successful and a good sign for future collaborative diaper drives, which will be led by the Right to Life Ministry, and for other multi-ministry parish collaborations as well.

Thanks for your attention to this news and for your support for this and other Council charitable projects.

Michael Connolly, GK



District 9 Diaper Drive

On Monday November 19th, the Knights of Columbus NJ District 9, donated cases of Baby Diapers and Baby Wipes to the Lighthouse Pregnancy Center in Paterson.

I was happy to have 100 percent cooperation from all my councils. In visiting the Pregnancy Center to drop off the donations, I met a wonderful group of woman who run this facility.

They could not say enough about the support they receive from the Knights of Columbus and how they look forward to our continued support. There are three locations that are in need of donations, Wayne, Paterson and Hackensack. This is something the Knights can do every couple of months if possible. The lighthouse provides free, life-enhancing benefits to woman and children They truly pay it forward. I would like to say thank you to my councils which are:

1. KofC, Saint Francis of Assisi Council #4524 East Rutherford, NJ
2. KofC, Madonna Council #520 Englewood, NJ
3. KofC, Regina Council #1688 Rutherford, NJ
4. KofC, Saint Anthony Council #11585 Wood-Ridge, NJ



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Columbus Day Baby

PGK John Wolf, Jr. Chairman would like to introduce Baby Rose, First Baby Born on Christopher Columbus day (Original Day) at Clara Maass Medical Center on October 12, 2018. Baby Rose was born at 12:46 am, weighing 7lbs. 2oz. and she was 19.7 inches tall. Rose Mother Amandine and Father Benjamin are really excited. Worthy Grand Knight William Mackey and all the members of The Knights of Columbus Council #3428 sponsors this program as a celebration of life to honor their namesake Christopher Columbus. A Special Thank You to Director of Patient Relations Joseph Wojtecki and the Nurses in the Maternity Section.



10627 Open Cupboard

A unique partnership involving parishioners of St. Joseph Church in High Bridge, Shop Rite of Clinton and the St. Joseph Council 10627 Knights of Columbus continues to benefit the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton. The parish conducts a monthly food drive for the pantry that produced nearly a ton of food for the pantry during a recent 12 month period. Parishioners also supplement their food donations with an annual special collection for the Food Pantry conducted by the local Knights. The Knights, using more than \$1,100 from that recent collection supplemented by council funds was able to purchase and donate \$2,800 in Shop Rite gift cards to the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton. The cards will be used to assist clients of the food pantry during the Christmas season.



Life Choice Donations

On November 7th, the Bishop Edward T. Hughes Knights of Columbus Council **15540** presented Life Choices - Phillipsburg with a check for \$4,526, the proceeds from their 6th annual Charity Golf Event held at Beaver Brook Country Club. Accepting the check for Life Choices was Joan Fasanello, Director. Pictured below with Joan are (from left to right) Golf Outing Chairman Mike Schuler, Grand Knight Tim Connolly, Trustee Joe Lang, and Deputy Grand Knight Tim Glackin.



Birth Haven Shelter

The Knights of Columbus are proud to make Christmas a little happier for the clients of Birth Haven. Birth Haven is a Shelter and a Hope for Young Mothers. It is located in the Newton New Jersey Area. The Knights were able to present them with coats that were desperately needed. The coats were donated through the generosity of the New Jersey State Council, District 68, St. Jude Council **12430** and Martin J. O'Connell Assembly **3125** of Blairstown. Pictured right to left: 2 Birth Haven Clients, George Allaman Faithful Navigator of Assembly **3125**, Tina Magarino Birth Haven Executive Director, Dr. Rosario LaBabera, Grand Knight of council **12430** and Ed Suhy, Jr. Representing New Jersey District 68. Not pictured: Vincent Tavormina of the Knights of Columbus New Jersey State Council who was instrumental in obtaining a box of coats for this project. Inquiries about Birth Haven may be obtained at 973-579-7979



St. Peter's Hospital Toys

For the tenth year, Council #**9199** of Fords sponsored a Christmas Toy Drive for the children at St. Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick. Gary Poos was again the chairman and collected all the toys at Council meetings, as well as cash donations to buy toys. Members donated new toys (age 6 months to 18 years) for either a boy or girl. The toys were then giftwrapped and labeled appropriately and loaded onto Santa's sleigh.

On Saturday, December 15th, Santa paid a visit to St. Peter's and gave over 50 patients a Christmas present. Not wanting to take any back to the North Pole, he left several presents behind for any future patients.



In the photo is Santa & Mrs. Claus (PGK Jim Zellner & Pat Zellner) and the staff of the Pediatric Ward of St. Peter's Hospital.

Coats From Council 15540

On November 20th, Knights of Columbus Council **15540** donated 48 new winter coats to Christine Dey of the Readington Township Housing and Social Services in support of Coats for Kids.



Pictured with Christine at the Readington Township Municipal building (from left to right) are Financial Secretary Frank Renda, Trustee Walter Urban, and Grand Knight Tim Connolly.

2018 New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus Christmas Events



Rosary Rally

On Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 3 pm, members of the Knights of Columbus & the public from Passaic, Bergen, Essex and Morris counties gathered for the 4th annual, NJ State Council Rosary Rally North at Holy Face Monastery, in Clifton. A decade was prayed at each of the Marian statues and monuments on the grounds outside. Many prayer intentions were offered including to remember the victims of the recent natural disasters, our servicemen, for our Church, priests and religious, peace in the middle east, for an end to abortion and to respect all human life, etc. the rosary ended by praying for Pope Francis' intentions.



The Divine Mercy Chaplet was prayed by the Risen Jesus statue. Those pictured in the group picture at the Risen Jesus Statue include: NJ KofC State Deputy Robert & Maryann Hatler, State Warden James Sweeney, State Membership Director Russell Petrocelli, District Deputy Peter Walentowicz, Dr. Ron Moises, M.D., GK Vince Lombardi and Rally Chairman Peter Kueken, Jr. The Knights joined their brothers in the south in Mt. Laurel as they prayed at the same time.

Ramp Donation

Medford's St. Mary of the Lakes Knights of Columbus Council **6520** recently constructed an accessible ramp at a house in Tabernacle, New Jersey. The recipient -- a retired Green Beret, retired state police trooper, and medevac pilot -- was paralyzed while on vacation in August. One of numerous ramps that the Medford Knights have donated their time to build over the past several years, it is their longest ramp (72 feet) built to date.



Wood-Ridge Coat Drive

Members of The Knights of Columbus Saint Anthony Council #11585 Wood-Ridge, and Saint Francis of Assisi Council #4524 East Rutherford held a Coat Drive during November. Hundreds of Coats for Men, Women, and Children will be distributed to The Saint Francis Inn, Philadelphia and Mother Teresa House in Newark.



Pictured Left to Right, Tony Pierantoni East Rutherford KofC , Angelo Urato NJ State Council District Deputy, Joe De Pascale and Joe Eagan, East Rutherford KofC.

Jim Padden Award

Brother James Padden, of Council #9199 of Fords, was presented a Community Service award by Mayor John McCormac for his volunteerism and dedication in serving the community. Jim manages to get loads of food donated, and he then cooks the food and personally delivers it to 60-80 people in Woodbridge who are homeless or in need. He does this several times a week! Jim is a shining example of the first principle of our Order, charity!! Congratulations, Jim and keep up the good work.



Pictured in the photo is Jim with Mayor John McCormac, who is also a Past Grand Knight of St. Cecilia's Council #3639 in Iselin.

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Dinners for Local Families

On October 20, Medford's Knights of Columbus Council **6520** conducted their 26th annual Hunger Harvest to help the St. Mary of the Lakes conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provide Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to local families in need. Shoppers at Acme, Murphy's at the Lakes, Murphy's Tabernacle, and Zallie's ShopRite of Medford donated enough food to fill 80 shopping carts. The Knights, who were helped by the St. Mary of the Lakes parish youth group, also received more than \$1,000 in donations for St. Vincent's.



Duel Degree at St. Mary's

On Saturday, December 15, 2018, NJ District 22 Deputy, Colin Casey, and the Vincent T. Lombardi **6552** Council hosted their Annual "Knight Before Christmas" Dual Degree Exemplification at St. Mary's School in Middletown, NJ. We welcomed 9 new brothers to our Fraternity as the Mary, Mother of God Degree Team (led by FDD John Brandon) did a superb job!

Congratulations to Peter Accumanno (**5611**), James Chmielewski (**3402**), John Contino (**11349**), Donald Ginty (**5611**), James Guinee (**525**), Luke Piazza (**816**), Mike Recco (**11349**), Fred Rodriguez (**11660**), and Michael Stine (**11660**) on taking the first two steps towards Full Knighthood! And, to the aforementioned Degree team. . . you brothers are the best; thank you for another job well done!



Our Lady Of Hope

Blackwood, NJ – On November 10th, Holy Crusaders Council **9193** hosted the Big 50/50 Raffle Beef & Beer Social, where it presented Rev. Joseph Szolack, Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish, with a check for \$28,000. The council runs the Big 50/50 Raffle every year to benefit the parish along with other fundraisers during the year.



Photo 1: Presenting the check to Rev. Szolack are Pat Theckston (left), Grand Knight and Chris Chiaro (right), Deputy Grand Knight. Both men are officers of Holy Crusaders Council **#9193**.

PSO Fundraiser

Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council **5427** and George School PSO used fund-raisers to help a local family with their medical expenses. The K of C held its Annual Charity Picnic on a rainy Sunday in September and the Jessie F. George Elementary School PSO used its Walk-A-Thon to raise a combined \$5,900 to assist Dave Saunders in his battle with primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), an autoimmune disorder. On Tuesday evening, November 13, at the K of C hall, members of Mother Seton Council and representatives of George School PSO presented the Saunders family with the check that will help Dave, Lauren and their family with the medical expenses not covered by insurance. The Saunders family graciously thanks all who contributed.



Christmas Poster Contest

The Queen of Peace Council #3428 of North Arlington recently honored the winners of its 2018 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. The children's artwork will be entered into the state competition and copies will be on display at Queen of Peace during the Advent and Christmas season.



Displaying their winning artwork are (from left to right); Ages 5 to 7 Division, 1st Place - Aaron Marques, 2nd Place - Ava Branca-Boylan; Ages 8 to 10 Division, 1st Place - Robert Kearns, 2nd Place - Victor Alicea-Mendez; and Ages 11 to 14 Division, 2nd Place - Gabriel Ramos (not pictured, but deserving of acknowledgement is 1st Place - Diane Estrada).

Council Giving Tree

The Queen of Peace Council #3428 started a Council Giving Tree at Christmastime over 18 years ago whereby the Christmas gift wishes of children from a particular institution are fulfilled by Council Brothers who take a tag from the Tree and purchase that gift. The Council has partnered with the First Cerebral Palsy School of New Jersey, located in Belleville behind Clara Maas Hospital, by bringing gifts to the students.



Pictured at this year's event are (from left to right), Santa Claus, a.k.a. Council member Dr. Oliver Stringham; students Keylanie Martinez, Joseph Tantachuco, and Jean Fernandez; and Council member Peter Briody.

Norwood

On December 6, 2018 the Norwood Formation Degree Team (Bergen County) advanced its 2800th 1st Degree Knight to the 2nd Section, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Council #13678, Wyckoff. A proud class of 26 Candidates sought the honors of the 2nd Degree and enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Grand Knight Jim Setteducato, District Deputy Doug Heron and the many Council members who labored diligently to provide a truly inspirational setting for the Ceremonial. A statuette of Fr. Michael McGivney was presented to Knight #2800, Brother Michael McLaughlin of St. Philip The Apostle Council #11671, Clifton. "It was truly an honor for our team to present the Formation Degree to such a distinguished group of Catholic Gentlemen", remarked Brother Don Ulisse, FDD, Team Captain. "It was also a great pleasure to revisit our friends in Wyckoff, where we hadn't delivered a Degree since 2008! To reach tonight's milestone of 2800 is a testimonial to our team and its dedication in its 19th year of servicing the needs of our Bergen County Brother Knights. We wish Michael McLaughlin great success in his K of C career as he embarks on his fantastic journey of service."



From l. to r.: Bruce De Lyon, Greg Evanela, Don Ulisse, Marc De Pasquale, Michael McLaughlin, Roy Harry, Eric Cruz, George Cabrera

Christ in Christmas Banner

Please give these men recognition for taking the time to promote the Christ in Christmas message out front St. Philips Church in Clifton.



From L to R: Ray Lill, Brian Christiaens, Richard Donkersloot, Dennis Fitzpatrick, John Christiaens, and Bob Shaker.

2018 Soccer Challenge

Eleven boys and girls from across the state of New Jersey, ages 9 - 14, were named New Jersey state champions of the 2018 Knights of Columbus Youth Soccer Challenge. Hundreds of participants from across the state advanced through council, district, and regional competitions to advance to the state finals. The scores of the winners of each age group will be sent to an international competition.

Girls	Age 9	Shravya Kaja (Newark Diocese)
Boys	Age 9	Ryan Ramos (Newark Diocese)
Girls	Age 10	Eva Leto (Metuchen Diocese)
Boys	Age 10	Nicholas Santos (Paterson Diocese)
Girls	Age 11	Abigail Beruck (Trenton Diocese)
Boys	Age 11	John Agogliati (Trenton Diocese)
Girls	Age 12	Amanda Guanci (Metuchen Diocese)
Boys	Age 12	Zachary Kovach (Paterson Diocese)
Girls	Age 13	None
Boys	Age 13	Martin Lipiowski (Newark Diocese)
Girls	Age 14	Jolie Branco (Metuchen Diocese)
Boys	Age 14	Brandon Gjekaj (Newark Diocese)



Silver Rose To Saint Kateri

I want to thank you and my fellow Knights for helping us to coordinate the visit of the Silver Rose to Saint Kateri parish on September 29th. As you know, we were celebrating the 30th Anniversary Mass of Saint Kateri parish with Paterson Diocese Bishop Arthur Serratelli as the celebrant along with St. Kateri Pastor Father Vidal Gonzales. We had a wonderful celebration with Mass and a special dedication of a stain glass window that was donated by our late pastor and former Paterson Federation Chaplain Father Patrick Rice. And to have the Silver Rose visit the parish on this special day, helped make the Mass and dedication even more meaningful. Our Dominick Calabrese Assembly Color Corps was also present for the event.

First let me thank our fellow New Jersey Knights for the great partnership in the handoff. I was able to meet Brother John Brandon off the Jersey Turnpike in the Fords area to pick up the Rose on Friday night, September 28th. Then after our program, Saint Kateri Grand Knight Greg Risco was able to meet Brother Greg Zagaja of the Wallington Council at a meeting point in Denville on Sunday. Thanks to Steve Hutnik for helping us coordinate that handoff with Greg.



Our Silver Rose ceremony was fabulous with 9 Squires and 2 Squire Roses participating. Over 200 parishioners and guests attended the anniversary Mass.

Circle and State Chief Squire John Hunter Zoetjes along with Rose Grace Wyckoff, jointly carried the Silver Rose up in the opening procession. Deputy Chief Squire Greg Puszcz carried a portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe that was painted by one of our parishioners, Dorothy Armstrong. Squires including our Marshall officer Charlie Wyckoff, Sebastian Gomez, Michael Fowler, Notary Officer Paul McFadden, and Robert Hantranft each carried lit candles which featured the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and placed them around the table where the Silver Rose was placed. Squires Paul Shumlas and circle Pole Captain James Phillips served as the senior altar servers for the Mass.

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Winter Food Drive #5427

Mother Seton Council #5427 of the Knights of Columbus of the Township of Washington, NJ, held its annual winter food drive on Saturday, December 8, in the Township. Chuck Merlo, Food Drive Co-Chairman, said, "This was another successful food drive. Our residents were once again their usual generous selves donating more than 300 bags of food and non-perishable items and \$825 in cash."

The knights delivered the goods to the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Hillsdale. Theresa Sayers, Helping Hands food drive coordinator, Thanked Chuck, and Co-Chairman Jim McPeak, and all the men and women who helped out on a wonderful food drive. God bless you and have a Merry Christmas.

Chuck and Jim thank all who donated and their brother knights and the boy scouts from Troop 321 who worked on the drive. He also gives special thanks to Kevin Lynch, chairman of Oritani Bank. The OritaniBank Charitable Foundation contributed \$1,000 to cover the cost of printing and mailing the food drive flyer to all Township residents.



Memorial Stone

Blackwood, NJ – On October 28th, Rev. Joseph Szolack, pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish, officiated at a dedication ceremony for a new Pro Life Memorial for the Unborn in front of St. Agnes Church. Many parishioners were present for the dedication ceremony. The memorial stone was obtained and installed by Holy Crusaders #9193, which is the Knights of Columbus Council serving the parish. The dedication ceremony culminated a month of Pro Life events at the parish with support from the knights, including a Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser and Public Square Rosary Rally. The council raises funds and provides several thousand dollars annually in financial support to Pro-Life causes, including the National Life Center in Woodbury, NJ.



Shown with Rev. Szolack are Fred Durso (left), K of C Field Agent and Jeff Lilley (right), Respect Life Coordinator with members of the Knights Color Corps. Both men were instrumental in arranging for and obtaining the memorial stone.

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The Cavalcade

Annual Spiritual Retreat Weekend

The New Jersey State Council held its annual spiritual retreat the weekend of October 18-20 at San Alfonso retreat house in West Long Branch. San Alfonso is the designated retreat house of the NJ State Council. The retreat is a wonderful weekend to get away from all the hustle and bustle of everyday life and allows you to relax and experience the presence of God in all of our surroundings and all we do! As part of the many things that take place during the weekend one special activity is to have all the men say the Rosary in front of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the grounds. Over 60 Brothers and other men from across the state attended the retreat. We hope more Brothers would consider this retreat next year. Special thanks to DD Joe Orosz for handling all the arrangements of the weekend.

