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# The Cavalcade

## Year of Faith Pilgrimage to America's Catholic Church



In observance of the Year of Faith, Catholics from throughout the East Coast gathered in pilgrimage, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, on Sunday, September 8, 2013, at Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Popularly known as 'America's Catholic Church,' the Basilica is the patronal church of the United States and its preeminent Marian shrine.

The goal of the Year of Faith is to foster a deeper practice and witness of faith, as well as a deeper understanding of the truths of our faith that Jesus – the foundation of our faith – revealed. Catholics are encouraged to participate regularly in the sacraments, advance in personal prayer, participate in pilgrimages to sacred sites and improve their knowledge of the Church's teachings, particularly through study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The K of C provided \$1 million for the construction of the campanile, known as the Knights Tower, which was dedicated in 1959. Four years later, the organization donated a carillon of 56 bells. On the day of the dedication (Sept. 8, 1963).

The K of C also established a \$1 million endowment in honor of Past Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart to promote Marian devotion at the National Shrine and to preserve and maintain the Basilica. Most recently, the Knights donated \$1 million for the installation of a mosaic depicting the Incarnation of Christ in the Great Upper Church.

## State Deputy's Message

Dear Brothers,

I had the distinct honor and privilege to attend the Year of Faith Pilgrimage along with my brother State Officers, Bob Hatler and Vincent Tavormina on September 8, 2013 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The pilgrims joined Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, together with other K of C leaders and guests, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Knights Bell Tower Carillon and to reconsecrate the Order to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Lady Maria and I were honored to be asked to bring up the gifts at the Offertory of the Mass along with State Deputies and their ladies from other jurisdictions around the District of Columbia.

Nearly 4,500 Knights, families and friends were gathered for an afternoon of prayer and devotions.

Of that number an Honor Guard of almost 500 members of the fourth degree, from the region, participated including Reggie Beckett, Vice Supreme Master and several color corpsmen from New Jersey.

Immediately following Mass, a prayer program commenced that included exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Marian meditation led by Archbishop

Lacroix, the recitation of the rosary, remarks by the Supreme Knight, and an act of reconsecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary led by the Supreme Chaplain and Supreme Knight.

It was a moving experience one which Maria and I will long remember.

As we turn the calendar page to November, we are mindful of all of those of who have preceded us as council leaders and have gone home to their eternal reward.

Remember the times that were spent by them, the sacrifices that they made to bring the council to where it is today. Please remember them, by holding a memorial Mass, or simply a moment of silence at the next meeting.

We also remember our veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>, those who sacrificed their lives for Our Country and for the freedom that we enjoy. Please remember also our troops in harm's way. We pray for a safe return for all who serve.

And remember our privilege and duty to vote, and to conscientiously vote for those who will morally serve and support our Catholic beliefs the best.

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## State Chaplain's Message

### THANKSGIVING

This year is going bye pretty fast for me. The calendar reminds me that Thanksgiving Day is near. We should be thankful of the many gifts we have received from those who came before us. It is a special time that we should consider all that God has done for us. We should especially take time to sit back and consider the many gifts God has given us because of His great love for us. Thank Him for our families and friends whom we love and for all those who love us. We thank God for giving us the gift of life and the gift of our faith. These are precious gifts that God has chosen to give to us, because of His love for us. However, do we consider how well we use them? God reminds us of the opportunity He gives us to help our neighbors in need? Or do we act

as some of those in the Scripture who see someone in need and ignore them because we are afraid of involvement? God has given us the gift of our faith. We can give good example to others if we really try to live our faith. We can encourage them to be strong in their faith and maybe help to save their souls. How often do we speak about God and the things He does for us. The secret of God answering our prayer is that we truly believe that God always hears us and that we know that the Lord always answers our

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## General Program Director's Message

Greetings from the flatlands down Jersey!

It is hard to imagine that we are in the second quarter of the year already. Before we know it, we will be at the midterm. This being said, how will you gauge your path to a successful and productive year? While Supreme gives us the Star Award as a reference guide, would you consider yourself to be on target to receive the award?

One of the Star Award requirements is qualifying for the Columbian Award. In order to complete this requirement, four programs in each of the five activities titles must have been executed and documented on a form #SP-7 to Supreme by June 30th. Please, do not wait for June to roll around to complete the form. **Print and review the form right now.** Additionally, fill out the form from your calendar of programs. Think to yourself: Have you planned enough activities to fill in every line and meet all of the requirements? If not, now is the time to update your calendar of programs and eliminate your deficiencies. You never know, you can get some great ideas from the list of the activities right on the form #SP-7.

These programs are pivotal in retaining members through fraternal interaction and even bringing in new members by exciting like minded Catholic men to join. Most importantly, though, never forget that these programs you conduct give glory to God and do great things

for others around us.

### ***Programs for your council to consider, execute, organize, and propose:***

Keep Christ in Christmas materials (last order 11/29) and a Light up for Christ Coats for Kids Food for the Hungry; Thanksgiving; Christmas Soccer Challenge Memorial Mass for Deceased Members, Corporate communion and a get together Council Website Contest Scholarship Funding Support and help promote our Squires International Seminarian Formation Support A Marian Devotional.



We are always here to go above and beyond to help you succeed! All you need to do is tell us what you need. Never hesitate to ask a chairman or a director to speak to your Council, Chapter, or Federation meeting - because it is beneficial. They will be more than happy to share their passion and move you and your council to action.

Let us, together, do our best to develop a calendar of programs with the tools supplied by our State Council and Supreme. May we have fun in doing God's work, promot-  
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## State Membership Chairman's Message

Brothers,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer vacation and are now fully engaged in growing your council and our Order by recruiting new members. The Fall season is a great time to have membership drives at our parishes and to ask Catholic men to become members of the Knights of Columbus. In addition to church drives, be sure to schedule an Open House as well as a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees.

Every council now has the ability to hold a 1<sup>st</sup> degree with Supreme Council's new guideline allowing the degree to be read. If your council is not able to host a 2<sup>nd</sup> or a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, work with your District Deputy to make plans for your new 1<sup>st</sup> degree members to attend a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at a nearby council. We are fortunate in New Jersey in that there are many councils within close proximity of each other so we should be able to find a

degree for candidates.

We put a lot of time an effort into recruitment, brothers. We also must use some of our energy to retain those members that we currently have. The Knights of Columbus is charitable organization, indeed Charity is the main principle of our Order. We need to make every effort possible to find out why a member is no longer paying dues before suspending his membership. The best way is personal contact, a phone call or a visit to his home. Some of our Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries have called our suspension process cumbersome. I prefer to use the word "thorough" because I believe we ought to make sure we have done



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## Culture of Life Program Director's Message

Brothers:

Our State Deputy, Andy Lipenta, has called upon us all to Proclaim and Defend Our Faith this Columbian Year. No where does this call to arms resonate greater than in our efforts to rebuild and maintain a culture of life in our country. We must be soldiers for our church during this time when the political climate is becoming increasingly hostile towards people of faith.

Life is becoming less and less precious. Pregnancy is being viewed as a disease to be "treated" by contraception; news hosts proclaim that life begins when the parents "feel like life begins"; and politicians seek to have a person's last few months of life taken away so that they can have a "death with dignity." This must stop!

We must proclaim our faith through Our Catholic Voice in the Media and Letters for Life, through our support of traditional marriage, and through our staunch opposition to abortion. We must defend our faith through our continued fight against attacks such as the HESS Mandate and through the support of our clergy, who continue to face assaults and accusations because they dare to speak the truth.

Our greatest weapon in this effort is our right to vote. We must exercise it judiciously as a solemn obligation of Catholic Citizenship. We must use our vote to garner political support from those that can help us to bring about the Culture of Life. But our voting is not enough. We need to encourage the vote among our fellow citizens. For this reason, I hope that your council held a voter registration drive in September. It is bad enough when some squander

this precious right by not exercising it; it is far worse when this right is lost due to a simple failure to register.

All life is precious, and we need to be proclaiming that a "poor quality of life" cannot be used as a justification for murder. This can be done most effectively by donating to charities for the disabled through our support of events like the Special Olympics. We should also promote hospice care programs over a "death with dignity." We must improve the quality of life of our fellow man through our support of causes such as Alzheimer Respite Care.

In our current society we must be ever vigilant to promote and preserve a culture of life. Your council must carry out at least four pro-life programs for the Columbian Award, but please do the most you can. Get started now and keep up the effort throughout the year!

Vivat Jesus!

Steven J. Richardson, FM  
Culture of Life Programs Director



## NJ Lightning



Attached is a photograph of the New Jersey Lightning, New Jersey's first and only baseball team for the visually impaired and blind athletes. St. Joseph Council # 3402 of Keyport, NJ. donated the money for the purchase of Personalized Gym Bags so that the team could go to the World Series. They are quoted as saying, " They have never received anything like this before and were really overcome with joy"!

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I would also be remiss if I did not remind us all to continue our efforts to grow the order **One Member per Council per Month**. Let us ask our fellow parishioners, our neighbors, or relatives to join us in all that we do.

Vivat Jesus,

Fraternally,  
Andy Lipenta



## Program (continued from page 3)

ing our Order of Columbian Knights, and bringing other like-minded Catholic men into this Order. Vivat Jesus!

Yours in friendship and fraternity,  
Ray Sands  
General Program Director  
*Proclaim and Defend our Faith*  
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## Chaplain (continued from page 2)

prayers. We often pray to God for something we really want Him to help us with. Then when it happens we forget that we asked God's help and we don't remember take the time to say thank you to Him. Maybe we believe that if we mention God's goodness to us in front of others it might embarrass us. But in fact we might help them to see the great love the Lord has for all of us so that they may be encouraged to seriously pray to God for their special needs and learn that God will always answers their prayers because He also loves them.

I suspect that we often do not really understand the depth of God's love for us, and His willingness to answer our prayers. We believe that God died for us, but we feel that we are just a small part of the millions of people in the world that He died for all of us. However, God doesn't place us into this tremendously large group. We should know that God willed to die for each one of us. We can truly say that God loves me so much, that he died just for ME. If we have a real need for the assistance of God and we truly believe that His love for each of us is important prayer. Try it, the next time you are in need. But first make an act of Faith in God's love for you and then ask your favor and wait for Jesus to answer your prayer. He always will. All He asks of you is your faith in Him.

Bishop Charles J. McDonnell  
State Chaplain



## Membership (continued from page 3)

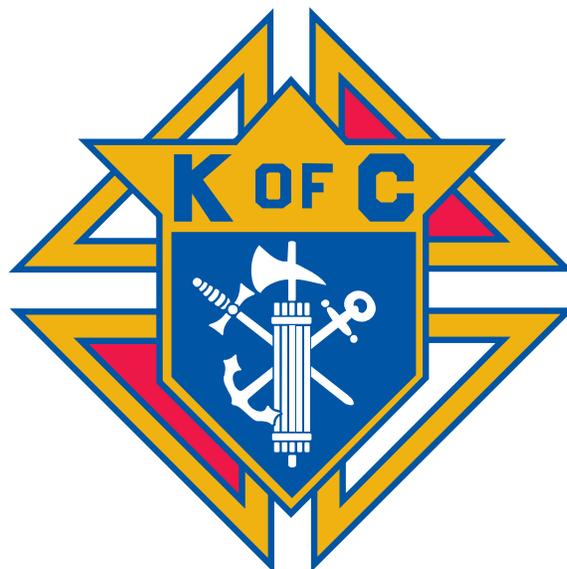
everything we can to save one of our members from suspending him. Remember that "charity begins at home" and practice the ministry of retention.

Many thanks go to the diocesan membership chairman and their teams who held eight membership training seminars held throughout the five dioceses in August and September. There were a lot of new ideas given in these seminars and many techniques were shown on how to recruit and retain members. I'm confident that if we put these ideas into practice, we will have a successful year in membership.

Keep in mind that recruitment is a year-round activity. Be sure to keep a Form 100 in your wallet or in your car glove compartment so that when an opportunity presents itself, you're prepared to sing-up a new member. Only 5% of eligible men in New Jersey are members of the Knights of Columbus. That leaves 95% of men waiting to be asked to join your council. Ask the men that you run into at your school meetings, church activities and family gatherings "Are you a Knight of Columbus". If he answers "No" that is your chance to tell him about the great things that are being done by the Largest Catholic Lay Organization on the World."

Vivat Jesus,

John Erwin, FDD  
NJ State Membership Director



## Officer Installation



(L to R) Ronald Prykanowski, P.F.N., Secretary to the Master, C. Anthony Cooper; Navigator, St. Joseph Assembly, Chester B. Kulak; P.F.N., Master of the Second District, Rev. Francis Cheruparampil; Friar, St. Joseph Assembly, John DiGregorio; Grand Knight, St. Joseph Council and William Horton, Jr.: P.G.N., P.F.N., St. Joseph Council and Assembly and District.

On August 18, 2013, the Officers of St. Joseph Council # 3402 and St. Joseph Assembly # 679 were installed for the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year. The Installation took place at Holy Family Church in Union Beach, New Jersey. Following the installation everyone returned to the council building for a light dinner with refreshments.

Thank you.

Fraternally Yours,

William Horton, Jr.  
D.D.S.K. 22nd District



## Pride In Our Priest



From Left to right Grand Knight Mike O'Malley, Msgr. Kieran McHugh, Fr. David MC Donnell, Fr. Gregor Golba, Fr. James Mulligan, Fr. James O'Rourke, Fr. Pat Rice, and Bill Rudloff, PGK

Marquette Council 588 hosted its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride in Our Priest Dinner. On Tuesday, September 17, forty-three brothers, wives & priests met at the Sheridan's Restaurant & Tavern, in Andover, NJ to enjoy an evening of fine food, fun and comradery with our priests.

Bill Rudloff, FS, PGK



## Scholarship



The scholarship committee is proud to present the 2013 scholarship recipients from St. Joseph's Parish in High Bridge. The recipients this year are all very worthy academically, spiritually, socially and all of them will be attending college in the Fall. The awards will be presented by Father Maurice to Erica Buckley, Thomas Farber, Christina Giordano, James Jeffrey Mahoney, Megan Cerwinski and Caleigh O'Connor.



## Golden Jubilee



The Pope John XXIII Assembly (East) Color Corps helped celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Brother Francis Meo, S.A.C. Hosting the celebration at Our Lady of Grace Church in Fairview was Father Peter Sticco, S.A.C. Father Peter is a member of the Pope John XXII Assembly. The Assemblies Color Corps and members are led by Color Corps Commander FDD Antonio Lombardo and FDD Vito Maza.

Vivat Jesus

Faithful Navigator Vincent deLhery  
Pope John XXIII Assembly #668  
Cliffside Park, NJ



## Lyons Hospital

The weather was warm & sunny; the food was plentiful and delicious. There were plenty of happy veterans (perhaps a record number!) and nearly as many volunteers from our two assemblies sharing fun and fellowship on this festive occasion.

It is said an army runs on its stomach and this is especially true when referring to an army of knights. We made our annual pilgrimage to the Time to Eat Diner for breakfast and to get into the spirit.

Afterwards, our caravan made its way to the picnic pavilion on the hospital grounds to prepare the picnic feast. Special thanks to State Deputy, Dan Rossi and his lady Alyce, Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> NJ District Chet Kulak and his lady Eileen, and (of course) Msgr. Innocenzi who helped serve all of our guests.

Assorted items useful to the vets had been collected throughout the year by SK Joe Melillo and supplemented with canteen books and other purchases by the two assemblies. Volunteers not involved in cooking formed an efficient (read "Keystone Cops") assembly line to package these treasures. Beyond these goody bags, though, veterans received hats collected from many sir knights (including the donation of a significant number of Trenton Thunder hats, solicited by SK Bob Diszler), addition goody bags, donated by Lawrence Council #7000, assorted chocolate bars donated by American Recreational Services through the efforts of SK Jack Gallant, and care packages assembled by Operation Gratitude, and donated through the Hamilton VFW to our event thanks to the efforts of SK Bob Lecato. Our guests left laden down like kids on Christmas morning!

We wish to thank all the Bishop Griffin & Bishop Ahr volunteers who made this outing one of the most successful in many years.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Joe Gendron

SK Joe Melillo, Co-chairman

SK John Isaac



## ARC



Attached is a photo showing ARC of Hunterdon Executive Director Jeff Mattson and GK Bill Mahoney (left)

The St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus in High Bridge have been ardent supporters of the ARC of Hunterdon for over two decades. They recently presented checks totaling nearly \$3,600 to the ARC. Executive Director Jeff Mattson of the ARC thanked the Knights for their continued support of the organization. The checks represented the proceeds of the annual collection conducted by Knights at the Shop Rite of Clinton and the annual collection among parishioners of St. Joseph Church in High Bridge. Since beginning their annual program in 1992, the locals Knights have collected and donated nearly \$86,000 to the ARC. The local program is part of the Knights of Columbus nationwide program to benefit people with intellectual disabilities.

Charlie Bruton



## State Deputy Visit

Knights of Columbus State Deputy Andrew Lipenta speaks of the honor of serving member Knights across the state during a recent regular business meeting at the Pallotti Council 3471 Home in Hammonton.



## Mums for Sale



For the last 2 weeks the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 have been hard at work with one of their biggest fundraisers of the year. On weekends, the Knights have been at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad selling mums. This fundraiser was started 10 years ago by Gerry and Vinny Butrico and this year over \$4,000 was collected from this year's mum's sale which goes to the Knights General Charity fund. One of the Knights of Columbus's principles is Charity; this general charity fund is used to support local residents who have charitable needs. In just the 2 weeks the Knights sold all of there 500 small mums and 100 large mums. That is an amazing 600 mums sold in just 4 days over 2 weekends.

Gerry Butrico and Mr. Salesman Joe Scudato sold all of the 100 large mums in just a 5 day period to local businesses.

The following individuals also brought large mums: Bill Ashnualt, Rob Bengivenga, Pat DeSantis, Ken Torchia and Phil Batista.

The Knights could not have succeeded this year without the help of the following Knights who volunteered many hours selling the mums: Kevin Keane, Joe Wilkowski, Deacon Wayne Otlowski, Gerry Butrico, Billy and Adam Butrico, Joe and Jack Scudato, Grand Knight Brian Cargill and the 2 hardest mum's workers the Knights have Joe Belinski & Norm Chicarelli.

Thank You

Joe Scudato

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## St. Michael's Centennial



Members of The Pope John XXIII Assembly (East) Color Corps, Vito Mazza , PDD, FC and John Antonacci, GK, FC together with Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, Rev. Minhyun Cho, Pastor, St. Michael's Church ,Rev. Nalaka Silva, Parochial Vicar, Deacon Joseph Kim of St. Michael's recently celebrated the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1912-2012 and CENTENNIAL CLOSING MASS on September 28, 2013 at ST. MICHAELS R.C. CHURCH located in Palisades Park, NJ.

Vivat Jesus

SK John Antonacci

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## Alzheimer's Walk



*Knight Vincent and Team aka Family Citro walking in of memory mom and dad, Sir Knight Vincent, Sr.*

Lending a hand at the Alzheimer's Walk.

Mary Immaculate Council **12769** continued their annual support of the Alzheimer's Walk in Jersey City. Some council members worked the days before the event collecting the water, snacks and bagels, while other held a shake the can drive. At the day of the event more than two dozen knights and their family members worked the hospitality event or walked in memory of someone. To date the council has raised over one thousand dollars for Alzheimer's Research.



*Grand Knight James Cannon and wife Barbara*



## Child ID Kits



Council **12769** recently gave out the child ID kits at the Secaucus Library mini fair. Men handed out over sixty kits, took twenty pictures and fingerprinted more than half the children who came to the table with their parents. One parent advised a knight "this is a great thing the knights do for she has two autistic children who like to wonder away. Her school advised her she should have one of these kits handy just in case something happens."



## Confirmation Mass

Msgr. Peter B. O'Conner Assembly **1543** was the honor guard for Bishop Thomas Donato and Bishop Nelson Perez, from Long Island at the confirmation Mass in Secaucus, NJ on October 6th. Also pictured is pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Father Joseph Pietropinto, and Parochial Vicar Yadao.



## Rosary Rally



Another event is the NJ State Council sponsored Rosary Rally, held October 6, 2013 at Our Lady of Fatima 



## Food Drive



*Sue the Director of the Franciscan Community Development Center with Sister Ana Noti collecting donations from the knights food drive at Shoprite.*

Mary Immaculate **Council 12769** over the summer collected over one thousand pounds of food and toiletries to help local food pantries and shelters in Hudson and Southern Bergen County. The council worked with the Religious Education teachers and students at Immaculate Conception Church CCD program and ran a Food Drive at Shoprite in Hoboken over two days to collect badly needed items for pantries that see donations drop considerably over the summer.



*Sister Gloria accepting toiletry items for the FCDC food pantry.*



## Choose Life



Council 2607 Gk Art Clementi (left), Cornerstone Executive Director Sue Smith (center) and Sanctity of Life Chairman Bill Harris (right) display Choose Life License Plate with Mobile Ultrasound RV in background.

On July 30, 2013, members of the Blessed John Paul II Chapter spoke at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Salem County to promote the "Choose Life License Plate Program" to raise funds for Cornerstone Women's Resource Center.

Cornerstone is a pregnancy care center which was formed in 1983 to provide abstinence education, pregnancy testing, ultrasound exams, and counseling on pregnancy options parenting and pregnancy loss recovery for women in crisis pregnancies in Salem and Cumberland Counties.

Cornerstone and the Knights are partnering with the Children First Foundation to sell Choose Life license plates for Cornerstone. The proceeds will pay off a \$90,000 loan for the purchase and equipping of a mobile RV that will enable Cornerstone to offer ultrasound exams in each county. This is the first RV of its type in New Jersey according to Cornerstone's Executive Director, Sue Smith, R.N. Sue hopes to sell 3,000 license plates to achieve this goal.

To obtain an application for the Choose Life license plate program or to find out how you can support Cornerstone, please email **Bill Harris** at [wharris8592@comcast.net](mailto:wharris8592@comcast.net).



## #11409 Annual Mums Sale



The Father Russell Council #11409 at Our Lady of the Mount church, Warren, held their annual mum sale on the weekend of September 8th & 9th. Thanks to the always reliable and generous parishioners at OLM the event was a sellout; The total revenue collected from this sale were \$2,926.00. In recent years our Mum's Committee have added some new items including kale, cabbage, pumpkin pansies and pepper plants. They were all a big hit and sold out.

As you can see from the photo, we had a large group of council members show up for the mum's truck unloading....I think it may have had something to do with the donuts and coffee the committee provided.

We would like to give our Mum's Committee, Walter Ryder, Steve Dutko and Mike D'Ambrosio a great big THANKS for their planning and coordination for this annual fund raiser. Nice job guys!!!

Bob Morgan  
Public Relations Coordinator



## Council #3397 Installation



Installation Ceremony of new officers of Assumption Council #3397 Glassboro held at St Bridget's Church Hall. Assembled are council officers including (L-R) Rev. Robert Sinatra; State Deputy, Andy Lipenta; Raymond Iacovone, Grand Knight; Michael Walters, District Deputy, Rev. Matthew Weber, Pastor and council chaplain. Assumption Council #3397 has recently been reactivated.





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## Seminarian Letter Project

On July 24, 2013, from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM, I was the sole guest on the program to discuss the Seminarian Letter Project of the Knights of Columbus. In the Seminarian Letter Project, Catholic Students write letters of support and encouragement and offers prayers to Catholic Seminarians, including seminarians from New Jersey.

The program, televised from the EWTN studios in Irondale, Alabama, was a live "call-in" program. Via a toll-free 800 number, questions were received during the show from Texas, Missouri and Newfoundland, and as well as questions from the studio audience, which included visitors from New York and Illinois.

The episode is on YouTube and is available through a google search of "EWTN John Tirado". As well as a validation of the Knights of Columbus efforts to support our great Catholic church in New Jersey, it was an exciting experience.



Sincerely,  
John Tirado  
Seminarian Letter Project Chairman  
Knights of Columbus  
New Jersey State Council  
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