



The Crusader



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State Deputy's Message



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State Deputy



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Greetings, Brothers.

As we enter the final month of this Columbian year I again encourage and remind you to take the steps necessary to complete all of the necessary forms with the Supreme Council to ensure that all of the awards and certifications you and your council's membership have worked so hard to achieve are received. Don't wait until the last minute! At last count we have an impressive 56 councils who have achieved Star status with regard to membership requirements and have at least 20 more who are within just 1 or 2 new members of doing so. If your council is among these please make sure you have fulfilled all of the requirements to be so honored. I would really be disappointed to learn of a council who missed out solely because forms were not submitted in a timely manner.

Our recruitment since July 2021 stands at over 1,260 new members, with the majority requesting to be members of a local council. Our online membership director, Ken Genco, and his staff are constantly working to keep you informed of them so they can transition into full membership through local council exemplification ceremonies. Please continue to welcome these new brothers into your councils through a Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification ceremony as soon as possible.

As a whole, New Jersey sits at 53.4% compliance in the area of the Youth Protection program. This is much better than the 9% we were at last October but we're only a little more than halfway there. Next year, which begins July 1, I expect us to reach our goal of 100% compliance. The following is a breakdown of compliance rates by diocese: Newark: 23.1%, Paterson 57.7%, Metuchen 68.4%, Trenton 65.6% and Camden 69.6%.

We stormed the beach in Wildwood! For the first time in 3 years, we all went down the shore for our annual State Convention. Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of Camden, celebrated our opening mass with a beautiful homily extolling the virtues of the works of our Order as well as asking us to continue to do more and to be more Christ like by caring for our brothers and sisters experiencing hardship of all kinds. The business sessions were conducted swiftly and resolutions submitted were processed with those approved being forwarded to the Supreme Council for inclusion in the upcoming Supreme Convention being held August 2 through 4 in Nashville, Tennessee. The District Deputies who achieved Circle of Honor status as well as the Chaplains named to their own Circle of Honor were announced along with the Knight of the Year. After the closing mass we danced the night away at the Banquet after honoring our Family of the Year. I wish to thank you, my brothers, and the nominating committee for approving of another term in office by reelecting my fellow state officers and me. It is truly an honor for each of us.

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SCHEDULED DEGREES

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

CUF DEGREES

Contact the Grand Knight of the Councils listed below to register a Candidate for the Degree you are interested in attending with your candidates

Thursday, June 2, 2022

St. Mary of the Lakes Council 6520
[196 RT 70, Medford](#)

Candidate check-in time 7 p.m.

Friday, June 3, 2022

Sacred Heart Council 2842
[235 Rochell Ave, Rochelle Park](#)

Candidate check-in time 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 4, 2022

St. Bartholomew Council 11873
[460 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick](#)

Candidate check-in time 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Our Lady of Mt Virgin Council 12700
[24 Changebridge Rd, Montville](#)

Candidate check-in time 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Bishop John C. Reiss Council 15964
[100 N Main St, Marlboro](#)

Candidate check-in time 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 5, 2022

St Francis de Sales Council 5563
[614 County Rd. 517, Vernon](#)

Candidate check-in time 1 p.m.

Sunday, June 12, 2022

St. Joseph Council 1984
[103 4th St, Riverton](#)

Candidate check-in time 12:30 p.m.

Monday, June 13, 2022

Our Lady of Fatima Council 15958
[6502 Jackson St, West New York](#)

Candidate check-in time 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 17, 2022

Our Lady of the Lakes Council 3359
[15 Myers Ave, Denville](#)

Candidate check-in time 6:30 p.m.

Degree Notes:

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

Greetings Brothers,

I hope all is well. It was great meeting many of you at the convention. It doesn't seem possible that it is June already. With 4 weeks left in this Columbian year we still have time to bring in those members that will help push our Councils to Star Council eligibility.

As I stated in my report that day, as of May 13 we have 56 Councils that have reached or exceeded their membership requirements. That is an unbelievable number of which all of you should be extremely proud. These councils are Star Council eligible, as long as they meet the Columbian Award requirements, their Insurance quota and file their paperwork on time.

Aside from these 56 Councils we also have 16 Councils that are within 1 member of their quota...1 MEMBER! Brothers, please do not let this opportunity slip away. You owe it to your Council and its members to celebrate all of the hard work and dedication they put forth this year. I am asking every member, every Council to bring in 1 additional new member this month. Not only will we be able to expand the number of Star Councils this year, but we would also raise some eyebrows up at Supreme. This is very doable.

Please be advised that we will hold our Grand Knight's meeting on Saturday, June 18th at the Doubletree in Somerset. Please make sure that your Grand Knight attends this informative meeting. Especially if you have a new Grand Knight taking over. Continue running those CUF degrees and make sure that your Form 450's are filed immediately following those degrees.

Brothers I finish with this...we all know and have experienced that warm gratifying feeling we get when we reach out and help those neighbors that are struggling or in need, whether it is helping them out financially, putting food on their table, supplying them with warm clothes or just being there for them and giving them a shoulder to cry on. Why would you not want other men to experience the same feelings as us? We have been tasked with doing God's work on earth. Please continue to reach out to others and offer them membership in the Knights. Vivat Jesus
[Peter Donchak, FDD](#). State 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

June 2022

- June 6th – D-Day Observance – Fly your Flag
- June 14th – Flag Day ~ Fly your Flag
- June 16th – Birthday of Robert Hatler, KHS, PSD
- June 18th – Grand Knight Orientation Meeting
- June 18th - District Deputy Orientation Meeting
- June 30th – ALL DIRECTORY FORMS DUE
- June 30th – Birthday of Christopher Tomasello, FM

July 2022

- July 4th - Independence Day ~ Fly your Flag
- July 9th – Installation of State Officers and DD’s
- July 12th – Birthday of Robert Mate, KHS, FVSM, PSD
- July 20th – Birthday of Herb Meyer, PSD
- July 21st – Birthday of Robert Wade, KSG, KM, PDSK, PSD

August 2022

- Aug 2, 3, 4 - [Supreme Convention –Nashville, Tennessee](#)
- Aug 11th – 141st Anniversary of Trenton Diocese founding
- Aug 12 – Blessed Fr Michael J McGivney’s 170th Birthday
- Aug 14 – 132nd Anniversary of Blessed Fr McGivney’s death
- Aug 29th – Birthday of Reginald Beckett, KGCHS, FVSM, PSD

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Support Vocations

FLY THE FLAG – ONE NATION UNDER GOD

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, the Knights of Columbus will keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the Church, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial, and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. In implementing this program, councils, assemblies, and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

FEATURED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Councils are required to provide financial support of at least \$500 for a minimum of 1 Seminarian. Councils are also required to provide their “adopted” Seminarian or Religious Aspirant with moral support and prayers for their successful vocation.

Important steps:

1. Set an annual goal for your RSVP program.
2. Identify individuals that the council will sponsor. You can obtain these names by contacting a variety of sources including the RSVP State Chairman, Diocesan Vocations Director, your council Chaplain or parish Pastor.
3. Build public interest for your program! Promote each event in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts: Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online), bulletin announcements, pulpit announcements, and post on your council and parish website and social media pages.

[Reginald Beckett](#), KSG, KGCHS, PSD, FVSM
State Chairman

The goal of these programs is to increase the knowledge and understanding of and promote the proper displaying, respect, and care of our national sovereign.

We are asking all councils in the State to Fly their Flags at their Council home as well as from their personal homes during the year, especially on the National Holidays and Observances. We feel that our display of the flag of our nation at these times will renew and increase everyone’s patriotic feelings. Hopefully remembering what the day stands for, rather than another shopping spree.

The state has a Program designed to remind us to preserve the phrase “**One Nation Under God**” in our Pledge of Allegiance. The Program has round magnets with our logo and the words One Nation Under God on it as well as pennants with those words on them. We are urging all members to support this project by purchasing the pennant and flying it at their councils, under their own flag at home, asking your Town Hall to fly it on the Flag poles outside Town Hall. By promoting this project, we will be continuing the commitment that started when we first introduced, back in April of 1951, the amendment to include this phrase in our national pledge.

Our nation and its citizenry needs this reminder more than ever to reinforce the support of our men and women who now, and in the past, have put themselves in harm’s way to protect our freedoms. We believe that God does have a great deal to do with the preservation of our peace and the protection of our country. A better understanding of our national standard will preserve and increase our pride and respect for the flag of our country



SUPREME CONVENTION INFORMATION

140th Supreme Convention

New Jersey Hospitality Room Form

Sunday, July 31 – Thursday, August 4, 2022

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Total number attending, including you: _____ x \$35.00 = \$_____

New Jersey delegates and guests will be able to relax and spend time with each other renewing old friendships and making new ones in a room reserved just for that purpose. Light fare and beverages will be available from Sunday evening through Thursday night. A schedule of room closings will be posted to take into account the Wednesday delegation group dinner and other times when the room will not be available.

Please make checks payable to 'NJ State Council' and write 'hospitality room' in the memo area.

Please send this completed form and your check to State Advocate Russell Petrocelli at the address below:

Russell D. Petrocelli, SA
210 Jay Street
Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075

Please contact State Deputy Jim Stoever at jestoever@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Southern Hospitality, Jersey Style

140th SUPREME CONVENTION NJ STATE SHIRTS

New Jersey State Council

State Polo Shirt Order Form

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Men's shirts:

Size and Quantity: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

Women's shirts:

Size and Quantity: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___

Total number of shirts ordered _____

Number of size Small _____ x \$17.00 \$ _____

Number of size Medium _____ x \$17.00 \$ _____

Number of size Large _____ x \$17.00 \$ _____

Number of size XLarge _____ x \$17.00 \$ _____

Number of size XXLarge _____ x \$19.00 \$ _____

Number of size XXXLarge _____ x \$21.00 \$ _____

Total amount of order \$ _____

Make checks payable to Colin Casey and mail, along with this order form, to the address below:

Colin Casey
80 Stephenville Blvd.
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Orders and checks must be received by June 20 in order for shirts to be received in Nashville.

SUPREME CONVENTION NJ DINNER

140th Supreme Convention
New Jersey Dinner Reservation Form
Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Guests attending with you: _____

Total number of attendees _____

Although the dinner cost will be about \$37.00/pp your total cost will be calculated at the venue once additional items such as alcoholic beverages have been added.

If you will be paying by check please make checks payable to 'NJ State Council'.
No payment is due beforehand.

Please send this completed form to State Advocate Russell Petrocelli via email at rdpetro@aol.com or USPS mail at the address below:

Russell D. Petrocelli, SA
210 Jay Street
Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075

Please contact State Deputy Jim Stoever at jestoever@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

STATE DEPUTY REPORT continued

The annual orientation meeting for our Grand Knights and District Deputies will be held on Saturday, June 18, at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference center located in Somerset. Registration begins at 8:00, mass will be celebrated at 8:30 followed by a full breakfast and the business meeting.

New Jersey has been honored this year in our general programs area by having two soccer challenge winners and one of our free throw winners selected as international winners. Congratulations go to Alex George, sponsored by council 7333 in Allentown and Liam Rogan sponsored by council 10627 in High Bridge for their soccer challenge achievements, and to Camden Epstein sponsored by council 13678 in Wyckoff for his free throw selection.

As we head into this new Columbian year we do so without our longtime Deborah Hospital Support program chairman Andy Julia. Andy passed away last January after many years of service to the program. If you would like to fill that role I would greatly appreciate it. Please contact me for more information and details.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the 22 years of service Executive Secretary John Connell has given us. John has made the decision to conclude his career and will be retiring July 1. The contributions John has made to us are too numerous to count and his absence will be sorely missed. Please join me in congratulating and thanking him for all that he has done for us and our Order.

Lastly, as I said earlier, the 140th annual Supreme Convention is being held August 2 through 4 in Nashville, Tennessee. If you would like to be a part of the New Jersey delegation by attending please visit our website, www.njkofo.com for details on how to do so. We'd love to have you enjoy some southern hospitality with us.

I thank you, my brothers, for all that you've been doing in the name of Charity and Columbianism this year. With one more month to go let's do all we can to end the year in magnificent fashion.

Let's get going!

Vivat Jesus!

[James Stoeber](#), State Deputy

UKRAINIAN RELIEF

Brothers,

By now you know of Supreme's relief drive to assist our Brother Knights in the Ukraine. To date, Knights of Columbus Councils and members have donated over \$17,000,000 to support the refugees that have been displaced by this senseless attack on their way of life.

Now, you may be saying "how can I help?" Well, here's how, Council 2531 in Vineland has been running a relief drive to assist the people of Ukraine. They have been collecting items desperately needed to help. And your help is needed also. Council 2531 has teamed up with Council 15267 in Tomaszew Lubelski get supplies to Council 15801 in Lviv, Ukraine. One container has already been shipped, with more planned for this summer.

However, more help is needed and here is how you can help. Ask your Pastor if you can run a Relief Drive at the parish, collecting items we all take for granted, clothes for men, women and children, non-perishable food, medical supplies among others. Below is a list of the items they are needing: non-perishable food items such as noodles, Rice, Sugar, tea bags, canned goods, instant soup, instant oatmeal, nuts, cereal, energy bars, snacks,, ready meals with long shelf life,

Other items include blankets, sleeping bags, bookbags (new or gently used), candles, crayons, pencils and coloring books, stuffed animals and toys.

Personal items such as children's 2-in-1 shampoo, body wash, shower gel, tissues, soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, band-aids, first aid kits, unisex shampoo and conditioner, hydrogen peroxide, disposable diapers, pain relief meds, women's hygiene products and anti-bacterial wipes. Basic necessities for life.

If there is anything you can do to help, contact Council 2531 at 609/502-0022

PROGRAM CORNER

My Brother Knights,

The Convention is over, and we are now coming into the final month of this Columbian year. Keep working towards the **Columbian Award with the goal of achieving STAR Council!** Please submit Form SP-7 no later than June 30 so that your Council can be eligible to receive the Columbian Award.

I want to thank all the Councils, Chapters, Federations, and Program Team members who contributed to the nomination and award determination process for this year's Program Awards. Entries were judged primarily on Program effectiveness, including participation, members recruited, and amount donated/raised.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the members of our General Programs Team for their outstanding program work carried out during this fraternal year, especially Deputy Program Director Frank Brandis, DD, Faith Director Mark Spychalski, FDD, Family Director Jeffrey Hawarden, DD, Community Director Vito Pulito, DD, Life Director Gary Seals, FDD, and all the State Chairmen who did such an amazing job of promoting, coordinating, and facilitating each of their State Council programs considering the extremely unprecedented times we experienced in the earlier part of this Columbian Year.

Finally, my sincere thanks go out to the Grand Knights, Chaplains, Officers, members, and their families of each of the Councils in the great State of New Jersey for their dedication and commitment in implementing such successful programs.

In closing, it has truly been an honor and pleasure to serve my brother Knights in New Jersey as the State Program Director. The NJ State Council is extremely fortunate to have such councils of distinction and caliber who are involved in our many service programs that truly exemplify the principles of our Order. The New Jersey State Council General Programs Team and I, along with our families, offer all of you our best wishes and prayers for a happy, healthy, and successful future. May God bless you for all you do for our Order and for the Catholic Church.

Vivat Jesus!

[Ed Michalak, FDD](#)

General Program Director

PATRIOTIC CORNER

Dear Brother Sir Knights,

Boy, what a run for your money it has been this year. A great State Convention in the books, one month left for this Columbian Year and more importantly, voting on this coming Columbian Year's Council and Assembly Officers

I hope you enjoyed the Memorial Day Ceremonies that abound all over the State of New Jersey. Several opportunities to pay your respects for those who have gone before us, whether by age or paying the ultimate sacrifice, and giving everyone that freedom that they enjoy today.

Not only did that man or woman give up their time, talents and possibly their life, but think of their Mothers and Fathers. Their wife and children, what did they miss out on? Maybe a wedding, a Baptism, or maybe the first step by their first born. Take a moment and reflect on what that Veteran gave up for you and me. Pay the respect and humble homage to those who served, still serving or will serve this beautiful Country in the future.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that on June 14, 2022 there are numerous the Annual Flag Day ceremonies around the state. The largest Flag Day event is always held at Veteran's Park, in Trenton. Time, address and agenda can be had by contacting either [DD Vito Pulito](#) or FDD [Jeffrey Bourne](#). It's a very beautiful ceremony with information that tells the story of how Flag Day came about.

The final piece may not really come under a Patriotic category, but I would ask for your indulgence and extend every Father out there a most Happy and Blessed Father's Day to each of you no matter if your child is young, old, on two feet or four feet, adopted, or biological or he is just that guy who helped you get through life by just being there. It all counts!

On behalf of the SM Dennis Stoddard, V S M Water Wych, First District MFD Pinkman and myself, Happy Father's Day!

VIVAT JESUS!

[John Brandon](#), Master,

Second New Jersey District

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP

Hello Brothers,

We should all be proud of what has been accomplished! We've done quite a bit this year. We kept up with the demand of OLM and were able to get in front of the action. We also were able to solidify the OLM process and at the same time managed to get the infamous UNASSIGNED list down to "0". As we have said so many times, "Online membership is here to stay and will continue to fuel the life blood of the order, Membership!

At the convention in May those of our OLM team who joined me at the OLM table were able to experience firsthand the amount of questions that were presented and answered. And there were many. This confirms what we've been saying, "more education needs to take place". We strongly believe it is very important that we all be on the same page.

Therefore, we will be setting up schedules to make this training happen. In reviewing our objectives for this upcoming year, the OLM team has made a commitment to be proactive in visiting local councils, either in person or via zoom. It will be demanding at times but extremely rewarding. Our worthy State Deputy is in full agreement and behind us 100%.

Remember EVERYONE wants to be a part of a WINNING TEAM. And so, I'm asking all GK's/FS/DD's and anyone involved in membership (which should be every member) to be a part of this team. Stay tuned! More to come.

If you have any questions before then feel free to call me anytime. My phone/email is never off.

"Set Your Goal and Go for It!

" Have a Wonderful and Safe Summer"

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

[Kenneth Genco, FDD](#)

OnLine Membership Director

CIRCLE OF LIFE

Worthy Brother Knights,

Ukraine Solidarity Fund: As the situation in Ukraine continues to change, the need to support refugees continues to grow. The Knights of Columbus will be working with our councils in Poland to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, and communications. 100% of your donation goes directly to support humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

Go to the Supreme Council Website

: www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html

Diapers for Babies: As Knights for Life, we must help the mother by providing this much-needed economic assistance. This can also be done through fundraising and bulk buying of the diapers, wipes, etc.

Ultrasound Machine: This year the Knights procured our 1500 Ultrasound Machine. This is great news, but our work must continue. There is a center in North Plainfield who is requesting a machine, any council who may like to contribute to this machine, please contact Stan Hubbert at stanahu@aol.com. Reports indicate that up to 90 percent of expecting mothers considering an abortion choose to have their baby after seeing an ultrasound image. They hear their baby's heartbeat; they see their baby's head and fingers. They know it is a child, not a "choice."

Intellectual Disabilities Drive: Has begun on April 1 and runs to March 15, 2023. With government cutting aid to these programs, the importance of our fundraising cannot be overemphasized. The success of the program lies with the Council Program Chairmen and Grand Knights; your energy and enthusiasm and coordination of efforts are vital.

Special Olympics and NJKofC Polar Plunge: Congratulations to KofC Polar Penguins on raising over \$67,000 for Special Olympics New Jersey. Congratulations to Brother David Coppola who topped the \$100,000 in collections over the years.

Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies, June 10 at TCNJ, Color Corp are invited to escort the athletes. Contact District Master for additional info.

Pregnancy Center Support: Councils can aid pregnancy centers by offering support to help women choose life. Councils can provide material, financial, labor, spiritual support and other support to pro-life pregnancy centers that help women during pregnancy and following the child's birth

Adoption as an Option: Councils can help an expectant mother who may not want their baby. We need to educate them that Adoption is an Option and the child can have a good home with another family.

Fraternally,

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

INSURANCE MATTERS

Getting into Columbia Magazine

How does a Council Qualify for the Founders Award?.

During the Columbian Year 2021-2022 each council has to participate in 2 separate Fraternal Benefit Seminars in order to qualify for the Founders Award. If they wish to aspire to Star-Council status, they must complete the Seminars and achieve the Founders Award portion of the Star.

What exactly does the Council need to do in order to qualify?

There are 2 different ways to get the proper credits needed to qualify.

1. The council can promote a Virtual Seminar that can be run by Supreme through a guest Speaker or through the General Agency that represents your area. The council must promote the Seminar throughout the Parish as well as email blast it to all the Members. Also, if the Seminar is on the Council Mtg night they can show the Seminar right at the Meeting. In some cases, the GA Seminar can be recorded and shown at a Council Meeting at a later date and also qualify.
2. Field Agent Seminar done at Council Social Mtg or at the Parish. The Council can work with the Field Agent to set up a Benefits Night and promote it throughout the Parish as well as email blast and promote throughout the Council. The event should be open to all Parishioners as well as Members and Spouses. Light refreshments should be provided and the Field Agent will run a Professional 30 minute Seminar followed by Q and A.

How do the reports get filed with Supreme?

The General Agent has to fill out a form and submit to Supreme with the Date, the Attendance, and how it was Promoted and submit to Council Growth Department and they will confirm the Council received the proper credit. If it was a virtual seminar, the GA has access to the registration of all attendees and will give credit to the Councils that participated.

Can I still achieve the Award by the end of June if we have NOT had a Seminar yet?

YES. You must attend the June Seminar that has already been distributed and contact your FA/GA to put together another visit prior to the end of the Columbian Year.

The Seminars will be held on Friday, June 3 or Wednesday, June 15. Contact your GA for information Best of Luck to all. We hope for a record number of Star Councils!!

Vivat Jesus

[Robert McGeehan](#),
General Agent

The story of how a council activity gets printed in the **COLUMBIA** is really no mystery. Rather, it reads more like a "do-it-yourself" manual. If one follows the instructions, the end result will be what was intended.

The first step of the **Knights of Columbus** Public Relations Chairman is to have a clear understanding of the "Knights in Action" section of **COLUMBIA**. It is here that the editors present successful activities by specific councils to inspire and motivate Knights in other jurisdictions.

Consequently, **COLUMBIA** does not print news of council affairs that would be of interest only to members of the specific locality. The place for this type of story is the council newsletter or the *State Cavalcade*. The Public Relations Chairman should ask himself: "is our activity of real interest to members in?" Pick an area 500 to 1000 miles away. If you judge that it is, then you have an item that the editors of **COLUMBIA** are eager to see.

COLUMBIA is particularly interested in feature stories on council projects aimed at solving community problems. Some examples might be a council that builds a community park, runs a weekly soup kitchen, collects clothing and baby supplies for a birthright agency, or sponsors a non-profit housing development for the elderly. Color photos to illustrate such stories are welcome.

Glance through a recent copy of **COLUMBIA** to see what kind of stories and what quality of photographs are used.

Here are some simple rules to help get your council activity into the "Knights in Action" section.

BE PROMPT - Unless you are prompt, your material gets so outdated that the editors are embarrassed to print it. Send the material immediately after the event. It ought to be triple-spaced to allow for easy editing.

SEND GOOD PHOTOS - Special care must be taken with photographs. Unlike story material that can be rewritten, photos cannot. Bad ones are simply discarded. If possible, have a professional photographer take the shots, but tell him basically what you want. To speed up the process, insist on getting a digital copy or a print in a few hours to make sure it is mailed off immediately.

Type the names of all subjects in the picture from your left to right on an accompanying sheet. Be sure to give full names (spelled correctly) and titles.

BE COMPLETE Give complete details on all interesting aspects of the project or event. The story must contain the answers to these questions: **WHO? WHERE? WHEN? WHAT? HOW/ WHY?** Make sure you have full names and titles of all the persons involved. If in doubt, ask the person. He is intensely interested in having his name spelled correctly.

More information on this is available online in the Grand Knight's Manual

MEMBERSHIP IDEAS

POLICE/FIREMAN RECRUITING

Take the time to meet with local police and fire officials to explain to them the benefits of their Catholic officers in joining our order. Of particular interest is the benefit that if a Brother Knight should lose his life in the line-of-duty, as a full-time policeman or fireman, it is assured that his children will receive a full scholarship to a Catholic college or university of the child's choice. To communicate these benefits, each Council should:

- Seek out members of your council in full-time law enforcement or firefighting to assist in recruiting others.
- Circulate posters available through the State and Supreme Councils and suitable for hanging in Police/Fire Departments.

If your Council covers more than one community, this would be an excellent opportunity to bring Catholic brothers in fire and law enforcement together from different areas.

Check with your local insurance field agent for additional benefits available to these men.

SHINING ARMOR AWARD

An active, knowledgeable member is seldom suspended from the Order. To assist our councils in getting new members active, the Supreme Council has introduced the Shining Armor Award. Qualifications for the award are simple for newly recruited Knights, during their first year of membership, a member must:

- Attend at least three business meetings
- Actively participate in three service activities
- Meet with the council's insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

Councils can order a special Shining Armor Qualification Card (#4292) listing these qualifications along with spaces for the Grand Knight to verify their completion. A Shining Armor Certificate of Recognition (#4293) is also available to councils for presentation to Knights who meet the award's criteria. Both the qualification card and the recognition certificate are available for \$0.25 each. As a special way to honor these outstanding new Knights, and to promote the program to other new members, your council can order Shining Armor Lapel Pins (#1700) for those men who qualify for this honor. Present these pins to the qualifying members at a special awards ceremony or other suitable council occasion. These lapel pins are available for \$3.00 each from the Supreme Council Supply Department.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

. Brothers,

As we begin the final month of this Columbian year, we have elected our State Officers and will be electing Council, Assembly, Chapter and Federation Officers for the 2022 - 2023 Columbian year. I would like to thank the outgoing leaders for their service to the New Jersey Knights of Columbus and welcome the incoming Officers.

We have begun collecting the information necessary for the 2022 – 2023 State Directory, the State Membership and State General Program Teams, the Council, Assembly, Chapter, Federation and Insurance Agencies contact information, all of which is due by June 30th so we can get the Directory completed as quickly as possible. The Directory will be posted online as it is updated, information that has not been provided to us will appear in red or blank spaces will appear there.

Your assistance is vital in this endeavor. We ask that the information you provide us is current and correct. Without the proper information, ie – email addresses, postal mailing addresses and phone numbers, we cannot send the information that will assist the leaders in the state in growing the Councils, Assemblies, Chapters and Federations that comprise the NJ Knights of Columbus. If any of your contact information changes during the year, please file an updated form and send an email to webmaster@njkofc.org so we can update the online directory and email server.

The Supreme Convention will be held at the gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee on August 2, 3, 4. If you have never been to one, this would be a great time to attend. In addition to meeting Brother Knights from around the world, our delegation has some events planned that should make the trip more than worthwhile. Information on the Convention is available on the home page of the [State Website](#) as well as order forms and instructions on registering with Supreme and the State Council for the Convention .

[John A Gazis, FDD](#)

Crusader Editor

Milestones for June



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Council	Council Name	Charter Date		
6928	St. Cecilia/St. Stephen	05	01	1977
7784	Don Bosco	05	01	1981
8718	North American Martyrs	05	01	1984
9021	Immaculate Conception	05	01	1985
10627	St Joseph	05	01	1991
10899	St. Maximilian Kolbe	05	01	1992
15958	Our Lady of Fatima	05	01	2014
3835	Our Lady of The Highways	05	02	1954
5959	Our Lady of the Hills	05	02	1967
12430	St Jude	05	02	1999
6226	Cranford	05	03	1970
1688	Regina	05	04	1913
1954	Walter J. Barrett	05	04	1919
6805	Mary Help of Christians	05	04	1976
6069	Corpus Christi	05	05	1968
8982	Carmel	05	05	1985
3512	Immaculate Conception	05	06	1952
3644	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	05	06	1953
5560	Msgr. Francis X. Coyle	05	06	1964
11527	St. Mary's of The Lake	05	06	1995
1831	Daniel McCormick	05	07	1916
5427	Mother Seton	05	07	1963
7316	Msgr. William F Doyle	05	07	1979

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6462	St. Joseph's	05	08	1973
12700	Our Lady of Mount Virgin	05	08	2000
7108	St. Anthony of Padua	05	09	1978
7800	Holy Family	05	11	1981
514	Lafayette	05	13	1900
5563	General Judson Kilpatrick	05	14	1964
11349	St. Benedict	05	14	1994
7333	St. John the Baptist	05	16	1979
4969	St. Joseph	05	18	1960
7814	Christo Redentor	05	18	1981
4815	Saint Thomas the Apostle	05	20	1959
426	South Amboy	05	21	1899
12232	Jesus The Lord	05	22	1998
6386	St Rose Short Hills	05	23	1972
2572	Our Lady of the Rosary	05	24	1925
3426	Queen of Peace	05	24	1951
674	Gloucester City	05	25	1902
12229	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	05	26	1998
3533	Our Lady of the Mountains	05	28	1952
11889	St. Gabriel's	05	28	1996
3310	Rev. Dean Martin Gessner	05	29	1950
2607	Father Cannon	05	30	1926
11798	Our Lady of Fatima	05	30	1996

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588	Marquette	06	01	1901
8160	Epiphany	06	01	1982
8733	Tabernacle	06	01	1984
10900	Assumption	06	01	1992
11386	St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid	06	01	1994
3532	Holy Child	06	03	1952
355	Trenton	06	05	1898
12940	St. John the Apostle	06	05	2001
235	Immaculate Heart of Mary	06	06	1897
5714	Our Lady Of Perpetual Help	06	06	1965
6380	Fairfield	06	06	1972
6571	Pope John Paul 1	06	06	1974
2531	Vineland	06	08	1924
8415	Rev. Gebhard Braungart	06	08	1983
6296	Msgr. Joseph W. Leary	06	09	1971
2483	Joyce Kilmer	06	10	1923
12004	Queenship of Mary	06	12	1997
1736	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	06	14	1914
2561	Caldwell	06	14	1925
3665	St. Michael	06	14	1953
4816	Blessed Sacrament	06	14	1959
5730	Father John S. Nelligan	06	16	1965

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8401	Queen of Angels	06	17	1983
12503	Holy Name of Jesus	06	17	1999
4066	Regina Pacis	06	18	1955
3428	Queen of Peace	06	18	1951
6392	Father McGivney	06	19	1972
6245	Immaculate Conception	06	20	1970
2859	Linden	06	21	1942
5437	Msgr. John M. Walsh	06	21	1963
12750	Nuestra Senora de Lourdes	06	22	2000
3550	Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh	06	23	1952
3680	Parsippany	06	23	1953
9852	Our Lady Of The Pines	06	23	1988
6173	Cherry Hill	06	24	1969
3679	Queen of Peace	06	25	1953
589	Burlington	06	27	1901
2617	St Francis of Assisi	06	27	1926
13377	Nuestra Sra De Guadalupe	06	28	2003
1345	St John's	06	29	1908
6247	Our Lady Queen of Peace	06	29	1970
7103	Hopewell	06	29	1978
10419	Long Valley	06	29	1990
11378	Our Lady of Peace	06	30	1994
520	Madonna	06	30	1900

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