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# THE CAVALCADE



## State Deputy

Brother Knights,

As I look back on the last three months and wonder where time has gone, I want to reflect on them as it pertains to some very important and noteworthy activities.

We began this fraternal year with an organizational meeting for incoming and returning Grand Knights. This was a very successful meeting with over two hundred brothers in attendance. Subsequently we held a meeting and training seminar for the District Deputies providing them with the many tools to assist the Grand Knights and councils throughout the year.

In July, a beautiful Installation Mass of State Officers and District Deputies was held at my home parish, St. Mary Church in Rutherford. Mass was celebrated by our State Chaplain Bishop Paul Bootkoski and concelebrated by Bishop's Charles MacDonnell, State Chaplain Emeritus and Bishop Kurt Burnette of the Eparchy of Passaic. In addition, representing Cardinal Joseph Tobin was Rev. Msgr. Thomas Nydegger of the Newark Archdiocese. Six other priests were present to concelebrate the Mass. It was truly a beautiful day for all there.

I must thank Bishop Paul, our State Chaplain, and the other Bishops and priests who helped make this a most memorable event. In particular, thank you to my pastor, Father Michael Kreder, for his tremendous support and encouragement.

After the installation, delegates and representatives from New Jersey traveled to Baltimore, Maryland to attend the 136th Supreme Convention. Notably on the trip were, Bishop Sullivan and Bishop Kurt Burnette. In addition, Past State Deputies Dan Rossi, Bruce DeMolli, and Andy Lipenta who was reappointed as Vice Supreme Master of the St. Isaac Joques Province, were with us. Thanks to the sixty who made the trip to represent the State!

At the convention, we witnessed the initiation of the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Icon prayer service that will run through this fraternal year. We again learned of all the GREAT things our order accomplished over the past fraternal year and heard much praise and thanks from Bishops from all over the world for our help to those in need.

As we approach the fall months, I anticipate another great year for our order, building on the successes of our Past State Deputies who I thank for all their advice and guidance in the past year. We, the State Officers, can't thank them enough for their help and support.

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## General Programs

Brothers,

While we continue to face challenges that are beyond our control we must look ahead in this new Columbian year; the officers of your council, the State Program Directors and Activity Chairmen, to work together to make this a successful year in all areas. We must strive to make this year better by working together with our faith-based programs, as they are the driving force of our recruitment and retention efforts. We continue to strive to keep our fraternal reputation positive by accomplishing so many good things through these programs. To keep a member active in your council you must give him an opportunity to do something he's attracted to that will make him feel satisfied and happy to be a member of our fraternity.

For the first time in 50 years, the Supreme program known as Surge with Service has been replaced with a new Supreme Initiative known as "Faith in Action." Supreme has renamed the and lowered the original number of programs that made up Surge With Service from six to now four main programs namely Faith, Life, Family and Community. These four programs are an integral part of Supremes and our efforts towards "Building the Domestic Church" within our parishes. You are encouraged to establish a "Building the Domestic Church Program" in your parish and to implement these four programs during this fraternal year. Please note that there are specific mandatory programs that must be accomplished during this Fraternal Year in order to attain the Columbian Award for program accomplishments.

Here are a few current and upcoming programs for the Council to consider:

- Local and State Youth Soccer Challenge;
- Knight and Family of the Month Programs;
- Coats for Kids;
- State Wheelchair Program;
- Seminarian Letter writing and RSVP Program;
- Marian Icon Program and many more.

We would ask the Grand Knight and officers to refer to the State Grand Knight handbook/thumb drive or the State Council website ([www.njkofo.org](http://www.njkofo.org)) for more information on the Faith in Action Programs.

It is of paramount importance to develop a calendar of programs now if it hasn't been done already. This can easily be done with the tools that are provided to us by both Supreme and the State Councils. We at the State council and your District Deputies are always available to help and direct you to be successful in this fraternal year. All you have to do is ask!

VIVAT JESUS!

The State Council Program Team



## State Membership Chairman

Dear Brother Knights:

Although the calendar says that fall will start in a few weeks, the summer months have come to a conclusion and it is time that all councils get back on track in the area of membership recruitment. Historically, the summer months have been slower months, this year has been the weakest summer in many years. When September comes to an end, the first quarter of the Columbian Year will conclude and we must ask ourselves – Have we accomplished 25% of our yearly goals? The District Deputies were challenged to bring in two new members per district, per month... has this goal been met? If the answer is no, now is the time to kick into overdrive and meet your goals.

Throughout the month of September, the State Membership Team has scheduled six membership meetings in the five dioceses to serve as a resource for council officers and membership chairmen to refocus all of us related to our membership procedures and goals. If you were unable to attend the meeting, the presentations will be posted on the state website for your review.

As an incentive for the scheduling and recruiting to an Admission Degree, our State Deputy, Robert Hatler, has issued the following statement:

***I've been asked by many people how and what we, the Knights in New Jersey, are going to do and react to the current situation facing our Church...What I am going to say, and with your assistance, we are going to do over the next few months is to reach out individually, as a local council and as a State council to all of our Pastors, Chaplains and priests in our communities and do something to say THANK YOU!***

***After giving this much thought I'm proposing that each District Deputy consider having at least one Admission degree in his District, bringing all the priests from all the parishes in the District together, in their honor over the next three months! We say we are the "right arm of the Catholic Church" so let's prove to these men, the workers of the church who are struggling and under so much pressure and ridicule***



***that we as Knights appreciate them to the fullest! I'd like to see all of you do this! I think we owe this to them! It's the least we can do!***

***So please work with your local membership chairman and look to put this together. Find a location, set a date for the degree and invite all the priests from your district to attend! I would hope this would be a good membership tool for the men of each parish! Please let the membership chairman know the dates so they can forward them to the state membership director and local state officer. I hope to hear about and see many Admission degrees coming forward over the next three months.***

If you have questions please feel free to call me or your local membership chairman.

VIVAT JESUS!

Russell D. Petrocelli, FM  
State Membership Director

## State Deputy (continued from page 2)

I must thank in a special way a few other Brothers who were there whenever needed and gave of their time to assist in so many "things" that happened this past year. Brothers John Connell, Gil Scutti, Bernie Ernst, Mike Fabian, Tom Ponting, Don Cleary and all the State Directors and Chairmen. Without these Brothers the year would have been even more difficult than it actually was.

I have every confidence that you, our Brothers, will make this Columbian year, one of the very best. We must increase our membership so we can expand our service to the Church and our parishes, our Communities and our Councils. .

We must always remember that we are "Anchored in Our Charity and Fraternity!"

Fraternally

Bob Hatler, State Deputy



## Culture of Life Program Director

We as Catholic Citizens and Pro-Life Warriors continue to have a mission to save the unborn in New Jersey and across the nation and to continue to foster a Culture of Life amongst our fellow citizens. We must live our faith in this regard. Prayer is good, but actions always speak louder than words. As James says to us in his letter, "faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

This Pro-Life Month of October let us be men of action. In addition to prayer chains in front of abortion mills and Masses for Life, hold diaper drives, support homes for mothers, and show to young women the life that is inside them through our ultrasound program.

But as someone once said, "Nothing changes if nothing changes." We need to advocate for laws that will protect life from conception to natural death. This is not just for abortion, but death penalty and assisted suicide as well. One of these laws is the NJ "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" (A1686 and S537) that gives us the opportunity to affect a ban on all abortion past 20 weeks.

LifeNet is assisting through a postcard campaign. If you receive a postcard through your parish on Pro-Life Sunday, please be sure to send it in to your legislator urging him or her to pass it. While you're at it, be sure to put your "Babies in the Womb Feel Pain" magnet on your car, so that support will be evident on the roads.

There is an election in November, so it is critical to show during October that we are Pro-Life and we vote! Pro-life voters clearly outnumber the pro-abortion ones. One way to do this is to display a Choose Life banner in front of our parishes. If you have not obtained your pastor's permission and ordered one already, please do so as soon as possible.



We want our lawmakers to see these banners everywhere, so that they will know that abortion on demand is not what the people want!

As I said, actions speak louder than words, and our Supreme Knight urges us to show our Faith in Action! Educating the public on life issues, and our tireless work to help those make the choice for life, will turn more hearts and garner us more support.

This Pro-Life Month, let us continue our strong effort that can, and will, bring about some real change in this country. We can do this!

Steven J. Richardson, FM  
Culture of Life  
Programs Director



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## New Jersey Delegates Meet Supreme Chaplain

The delegates from New Jersey had the honor and pleasure of meeting with Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori at the Supreme Convention in Baltimore, MD. The Supreme Chaplain thanked all of the NJ Knights for their support of our Bishops and Priests at this very difficult time in our Church.



Pictured are – (left to right) FDD Al Karwowski, PSD Bruce DeMolli, FDD Al DeTufo, State Secretary Vincent Tavormina, State Deputy Robert Hatler, Brother Frank Wos, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, State Treasurer Jim Stoever, Brother George Seward, State Advocate Ray Sands and Brother Thomas Krug. (Missing - PSD, Supreme Director Dan Rossi)

## 3402 Holds Annual Volunteer Dinner

On August 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Joseph Council #3402 in Keyport, N.J. hosted its Annual Volunteer's Dinner and Awards Ceremony. In 2017, 11,225 hours were donated by members and non-members of the council conducting various projects/fundraisers to the facilities, community, and charity. 75 people were in attendance that day.



The photo shows the awardees: (L to R) Anthony Cooper, Member of the Year; Jack LeRoy, Knight of the Year; Andrew Davis, Grand Knight's Special Award; John Gaffney, Grand Knight; Amanda Panzarelli, Scholarship Recipient; Patricia Britt, Ladies Auxiliary Woman of the Year; Wayne Szaro, Deputy Grand Knight and William & Edna Quinn, Family of the Year. Missing the event: David Quinn, Family of the Year and Alyssa DiGregorio and Kimberley Abrams, Scholarship Recipients. NOTE: The Scholarship Recipients each received a check for \$500.00 to help with their first year of college books.

## Diaper Drive

St. Joseph Council #3402 in Keyport, NJ just completed their "Peter Cassidy Diaper Drive" for 2018. Diapers were delivered to Monmouth County Birth Right in Freehold, New Jersey. A total of 2,223 diapers and 7,920 wipes were delivered for a grand total of 10,143 pieces!



Pictured in the attached photo is John Gaffney, Grand Knight and William Horton, Jr., Chairman of the drive.

## River Blessing and Flag Day

Pallotti Assembly #3471 assisted in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the River and Flag Day at St. Mary in the Pines Cemetery in Sweetwater, NJ on June 16. The site is the location of the oldest Catholic Church in the Diocese of Camden, NJ. The Church burned down many years ago but pavers mark the site of the original building. The event was attended by nearly 120 people. Light refreshments were served. Father Neal Dante and Pastor Dave Carber officiated. Guest speaker was Father James Betz Diocesan historian. Music was by St. Mary of the Pines Choir.



## Family/Knight of the Year

On August 11<sup>th</sup> the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 handed out their 2017-2018 End of Year Highest Council Awards.

Past Grand Knight Joe McGeehan and Current Grand Knight Joe Wilkowski presented the 2018 South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Family of the Year Award to Joe and Theresa Bielinski and the Knight of the Year Award to Lenny Kleczkowski.

Joe Bielinski has been a member of the South Plainfield Knights for 10 years, he and his wife Theresa received their Family of the Year award for their outstanding support of the Community, Council, and Church activities throughout the many years Joe and Theresa are lifelong residents of South Plainfield and Joe has been an alter server for many years. Joe and Theresa have spent many hours over the years with helping count the proceeds from the Knights of Columbus Special Citizens Drive as well selling Super 50/50 tickets and supporting at the Feast of Saint Anthony. Joe has also supported selling mums and is the world's nicest Mums Salesman...

Lenny Kleczkowski has been a member of the South Plainfield Knights for an incredible 48 years, Lenny received this Knight of the Year award for his many dedicated years to the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus. Lenny is a Past Grand Knight and supports one of the biggest fundraisers the Knights run every year, the Sacred Heart Lenten Fish Dinners. Lenny arrives many hours before each fish dinner at Holy Savior Academy Cafeteria and gets the room ready, helps prep the food and supports all of the other Knights and volunteers to make this event run very smooth.

Some of the events Joe, Theresa, and Lenny have supported over the years are the Special Citizens Drive, Keystone Christmas, and St. Patrick's Dinners, Fall Mums Sale, Sacred Heart Lenten Fish Dinners and many others. Past Grand Knight Joe McGeehan and the entire membership of the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus want to thank Joe, Theresa, and Lenny for their many years of Support to the Knights and our Church and Community.



(In Knight of the year picture from left to right are Phil Thomas, Past Grand Knight Joe McGeehan, Lenny Kleczkowski, Current Grand Knight Joe Wilkowski, and Ted Rubino)

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## Flags on Route 78

On September 11, 2001, our country was attacked by militant Islamic extremists, and patriotic US citizens reacted by displaying the nation's flag in unprecedented numbers. Favored display spots for the flags were on overpasses above interstate highways, including Interstate 78 that bisects New Jersey.

When the original I-78 flags deteriorated, Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council **10627** in High Bridge decided to keep the flags flying. The Knights purchased flags and enlisted the aid of a local Boy Scout troop to replace them two or more times each year—two flags for every I-78 overpass west of I-287 in Hunterdon County and portions of Somerset County. After the Scouts bowed out of the project, the St. Joseph Council handled it alone for several years. Then, a few years ago they suggested to the Knights Pope John Paul II Assembly **3293** that, as a Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup> Degree) Assembly, they coordinate the project. The Assembly agreed and enlisted the aid of the Our Lady of Lourdes Council **6930** in Whitehouse Station and St. Catherine of Siena Council **15703** in Pittstown to assist St. Joseph Council with funding and maintaining flags, with specific overpasses assigned to each of the three councils.

Seventeen years later—flags are still displayed! And—the Knights have learned to do it well enough to preserve the flags for as long as two years, instead of only a few months. “It’s all in how the flags are mounted,” said St. Joseph Council Past Grand Knight Kevin Loughney. “Keeping them tight against the chain link reduces stretching and tearing, and helps them to shed water faster so they remain cleaner.”

“It’s rewarding when truckers and other drivers beep their horns and wave to acknowledge the effort when they see us working on the flags” says Loughney. “It would be a great project for Knights or other patriotic groups in other areas to adopt.” (Mounting details are available on the council’s website)



Knights Robert Keeling of Lebanon Township representing Pope John Paul II Assembly and St. Joseph Council Past Grand Knight Kevin Loughney of High Bridge with a newly replaced flag. (Photo by Wayne McKay)

## ARC Morris County

Recently ARC of Monmouth County sent the county chapter pictures of a new Board Room in their facility named for the Knights. The organization wrote “In recognition of the continuing support of the Knights of Columbus councils of Monmouth County, The Arc of Monmouth recently christened their board room “The Knights of Columbus Boardroom” and changed the signage to reflect their dedication to ARC and the people they serve.”



## Retirement Party

In June the Bayshore Council #**2858** in Keansburg, New Jersey hosted a retirement Party with the help AOH for Fr. Daniel Cahill after 25 years of service to St. Ann’s Church in Keansburg, NJ.

Over 100 people attended the function that evening.



Photo attached: (L to R) James Brogan, Grand Knight, Fr. Daniel Cahill, and William Horton, Jr., District Deputy #**22**.



## Active Young Knights

St. Philip the Apostle Monday Council **11671** last January inducted nine new young members who were all college students, mostly the sons of existing members using the DVD first degree process. While St. Philip's Council has their own degree team this method was chosen as these students needed to return to classes shortly. Grand Knight Rich Donkersloot knew due to their class schedule these new members would make few if any regular meetings especially since several were attending universities a distance from home. It was expressed to them after the degree ceremony our desire for them to participate in whatever ways they could in Council events during the summer and other college breaks.

Our parish Carnival, a three day affair held each June during the week preceding Father's Day, is a large, well attended event where our Council actively participates in almost every aspect especially in the kitchen, where we do all the cooking, much of the serving, provide adult supervision for youth group staffing of the game activities, and many other functions. These new members were there helping us out with this endeavor.

Every June for the past 9 years, our Council which initiated the annual Tank-pull for veterans in 2009 is the main participant in the event providing scheduling, team coordination, logistical support, donation coordination, judging, awards presentation, cooking, etc. Over the years this event has collected and distributed over one million dollars to disabled veterans; including Trak chairs, and other mobility devices. Contributions are also made to the Gary Sinisi Foundation and to local veteran's organizations, veteran's homes, and the annual city wide Veteran's Day Parade. Once again these new younger members were out there in force helping to support our charitable endeavors.

Lastly, each of these brothers is actively pursuing their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degrees.



Jack Bizub, Jack Garruto, Joe Bizub, Brian Gentilello, NJ State Deputy Bob Hatler, Mike Mclaughlin, Danny Mclaughlin, Jack Cupoli, Brian Murphy, Joe Cupoli, John Christiaens.

## 4th Degree Ceremony

In a September 27<sup>th</sup> ceremony accompanied by the Joseph Lamb Assembly Fourth Degree Color Corps and attended by Knights of Columbus members, the K of C Officers of Mother Seton Council **#5427** were installed by the Order's New Jersey State representative, District Deputy John Sender. Wearing their official ceremonial robes, the slate of officers installed for the 2018-2019 term were Fran Sullivan, Grand Knight; John Quinn, Deputy Grand Knight; Steve Bush, Chancellor; Mike Richetti, Recorder; Dick Freyland, Treasurer; John Pimpinella, Warden; Rick Hodgman, Financial Secretary; Bob Hibler, Advocate; Bob Cattabiani, Dan Licini, and Kevin Schenone, Guards; and Vinny Vinagre, Dan Scudieri, and Mark Holmes, Trustees. A social followed the ceremony.

Also recognized for their newly elected or ongoing status were the organization's Columbian Club Trustees: President John Pimpinella; Vice President Paul Elterlein; Treasurer Dick Freyland; Secretary Tim Grud; and Trustees: John Brophy, John Brunelli, Ed Garland, Chris Keane, Chuck Merlo, John Quinn, DGK, Jerry Rider, PGK, Larry Scorzelli, Fran Sullivan, GK, Steve Timpanaro, and Vinny Vinagre, PGK.

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Pictured left to right in the attached photo are Steve Bush, Ed Garland standing in for John Quinn, Mike Richetti, Rick Hodgman, Dick Freyland, Vinny Vinagre, Fran Sullivan, Kevin Schenone, John Pimpinella, John Sender, Mark Holmes, and Bob Hibler.

## Annual Mums Sale

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 have been hard at work with one of their biggest fundraisers of the year. The Knights of Columbus Fall Mums Sale.

This fundraiser was started 15 years ago by Gerry Butrico and this year \$3,200 was raised from this year's mums sale which goes to the Knights Charity Fund. One of the Knights of Columbus's principles is Charity; this Charity fund is used to support local residents who have charitable needs, over the past 15 years over \$60,000 have been raised. In just one week the Knights sold 400 small and 120 large mums.

Chairmen of the Mums Drive Gerry Butrico and "Mr. Salesman" Joe Scudato sold the 120 large mums in just one day to local businesses & individuals. The Knights really need to thank these businesses and individuals who have supported this Mums Sale for many years. These businesses and individuals know buying these mums is about supporting less fortunate people in our town:



Walter from KC's Corner, Jeff from Nischwitz, Mike from Bagel Pantry, David from Peter Pan Pharmacy, Bob Stillo from Stillo Paving, Phyllis from Grant Ave, Peter from Sherbans, KKK Trucking, Henry from Witty's, Nancy from the Observer, Tom Lanza, Sandi Cassio, Tommy Cassio and Bill Ashnault from Twin City Pharmacy, Sal from Sal's Liquors, Shannon from Columbia Bank, Rob Bengivenga, Jr, Russell from Mr. Subs, Rich from Presto Printing, Pat DeSantis, Carl from R&C Autobody (who donated all of his mums to Our Lady of Czestochowa Church), Joey Lemmo (who donated all of his mums to Sacred Heart Church), Ed Santora, Frank Licato, Jack Peterson, Andy Pinto, Glenn DelaSalla, Jim Vokral, Charlie & Debbie from Home Town Hero's, Amir from Park Ave Barber,

Paulo from Paulo's Barbecue, Jack Strassburger, Bob Longo, Bill Butrico from Lehigh Utility, Debbie Boyle, Flanagan's Restaurant and Pub, Rita's Italian ice, Greg and Betty Gaydos (who donated all of their mums to Our Lady of Czestochowa Church), Phil Basista and Ken Torchia.

As well the Knights, we need to thank Jimmy Gustafson and Ricky McCriskin from McCriskins/Gustafson Funeral Home, and the South Plainfield Fire Dept. who bought many small mums that were put in front of their locations.

The Knights could not have succeeded this year without the help of the following Knights who volunteered many hours selling the mums: Grand Knight Joe Wilkowski, Steve Belanger, Robert Barone, Steve Turrise, Adam Butrico and the hardest working future Knight of Columbus Anthony Butrico (son of Gerry Butrico). The Knights would like to thank Father John Alvarado from Sacred Heart Church for use of their parking lot in selling the mums after each Mass. Their partnership is greatly appreciated. Lastly, the Knights thank all Brother Knights, there families and all South Plainfield residents who bought mums and always support our Mums Sale year after year.

## Prime Rib Dinner for Soldiers

On September 22, 2018, St. Joseph Council # 3402 held a Fundraiser Prime Rib Dinner for "Send a Soldier Home for the Holidays. Seventy-three people attended the dinner which was a full course Prime Rib Dinner with cheeses and crackers, soup, salad, dinner, dessert, tea, coffee, and soda.

The council raised \$2,158.00 for the event.

On top of that the council has had a bucket at the Keyport Fishery in Keyport for donations which has netted to date another \$2,200.00.

A check will be cut for \$4,400.00 to be sent to the Trenton Federation who is overseeing the project.



## Luncheon for Veterans

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Bishop Charles P. Greco Assembly #2147 members held their annual Veterans luncheon on August 11<sup>th</sup> for over twenty Veterans from the Menlo Park Veterans Home who served in World War II, the Korean, and Vietnam Wars. Every year the Knights celebrate all that the Veterans have given back to the United States for our undying freedom.

The Veterans were served a gourmet lunch that included Fresh Salmon, New York Strip Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables and Homemade Apple Pie, Cheese and Chocolate cakes.

After dinner the Veterans played High Stakes Bingo games where Gifts and \$\$\$\$ were given away from donations made by fellow Knights of Columbus members.



Organizer of the event was 4<sup>th</sup> degree Past Faithful Navigator Joe Scudato, who would like to thank the following Knights for the help in making this a very special day for our veterans:

Grand Knight Joe Wilkowski, Past Grand Knight Joe McGeehan, Tom Pollock, Faithful Navigator Phil Thomas, Tom Frantz, Bill McDonough, Ted Rubino, Neil Towey, Tom Berry, Roy Kaplan, Tom Robertson, Jack Scudato, and Robert Smith. Also helping was Matthew Wormley from Boy Scout Troop 207.

Joe Scudato

## Golf Outing

On September 8, 2018, the Knights of Columbus St. Cecilia's Council #7046 of Monmouth Junction, New Jersey, hosted its sixth annual charity golf outing at the Concordia Golf Club in Monroe, NJ to continue developing the Council's "Families In Need" Fund. "The point of the golf outing is to offer those who enjoy the game of golf a chance to contribute to a worthy cause within South Brunswick while relaxing with friends, perhaps do some networking, and get to know one another," said Pete St. Vincent, co-chair of the event.

This year the Council raised over \$8,200 in support of the "Families In Need" Fund. "Our 'Families In Need Fund' provides a way for the Council to help parishioners of St. Cecilia's in Monmouth Junction who have significant medical bills or have sudden financial burdens to offset at least some of those issues," said Grand Knight Joe Charmello. Added Alex Stonkus, co-chair, "We are very pleased with the outcome of this year's event. Over 58 golfers took part. We also had more than 70 business sponsors from South Brunswick and the surrounding communities. This helps to show it is a great cause." In past years, the amounts collected through this event have been used to help victims of a plane crash, brain cancer, assistance toward a wheelchair accessible van and handle medical bills associated with a liver transplant.

K of C St. Cecilia's Council Raises More than \$8,200 to Continue Building Families With Needs Fund Knights of Columbus St. Cecilia's Council #7046 is located in the Monmouth Junction section of South Brunswick, New Jersey. Established in 1978, the Council works to support St. Cecilia's Parish and the surrounding community through a variety of events held throughout the year, including dinner-dances at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall and the annual Citizens with Needs Drive. Over 100 Catholic men from the parish and surrounding communities are members.



## Scholarship Awards

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 handed out their 2018 Scholarship Awards. Over \$2,700 was given out to the worthy children of Knights Members and their Youth Former Columbian Squires. This money was raised from the Knights of Columbus Fundraising activities throughout the year.

Chairman of the Scholarship Committee Gerry Butrico would like to congratulate the following 2018 Scholarships winners.

Former Columbian Chief Squire Jack Scrudato who will be attending Kutztown University.

Former Columbian Squire Brandon Wizda who will be attending Kutztown University.

Kathryn Berry who will be attending Middlesex County College.

Stephen Kleczkowski will be attending San Diego University.

Dominick Mazzaferro will be attending Seton Hall University.

Tatianna Sutor will be attending Rutgers University.

Nicholas Robertson won the Knights Catholic High School Scholarship and will be attending St Joseph's High School.



Pictured from left to right is Knights member Tom Walsh with South Plainfield High School students Jack Scrudato, Brandon Wizda, Tatianna Sutor, Kathryn Berry and Knights member Harold Bolton. Stephen Kleczkowski, Dominick Mazzaferro and Nicholas Robertson received there scholarships separately.

## Spring Food Drive

Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council #5427 of the Township of Washington, NJ, held its annual spring food drive on Saturday, June 23. Grand Knight Vinny Vinagre commended Chuck Merlo, Food Drive Chairman, for another successful event and thanked the residents who once again generously donated 225 bags of food and non-perishable items. In addition, monetary donations of \$100 were made.

The donations were delivered to the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Hillsdale and St. Andrew's Church in Westwood. Merlo said, "Although our food drive weekend was a little late this year, which is post school and vacation time, we still helped reload the pantries for those in need. Thanks to all involved including the generous people of the Township of Washington, the local Boy Scouts, and the McGinty girls!" Vinagre offered, "My sincere thanks to all who donated and to my brother knights and the boy scouts from Troop 321 who worked on the drive. I especially thank Kevin Lynch, CEO of Oritani Bank, whose OritaniBank Charitable Foundation contributed \$1,000 to cover the cost of printing and mailing our food drive flyer that was delivered to all Township residents."

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Pictured in the photo outside the K of C Members' Room is far right, Chuck Merlo, drive chairman, brother knights, boy scouts, and the McGinty girls.

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## The Cavalcade

### New Jersey Delegation Dinner

At the recent Supreme Convention in Baltimore, MD, State Deputy Bob Hatler and Lady Maryann hosted a dinner for all the members of the New Jersey Delegation at La Tavola restaurant located in the Italian section of Baltimore. This was a great night of socializing with members and friends, old and new, at the end of a very productive and enjoyable Supreme Convention shared by all who attended.

Next year the Supreme Convention will be in August 2019 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

