

Organ Donor Program

Facts:

- One organ and tissue donor can save up to 8 lives and restore health to over 75 others.
- Transplantable organs include: heart, kidneys, liver, lungs, pancreas, and intestine.
- Transplantable tissue includes: corneas to restore sight, bone and tissue to repair injuries, skin to heal burns and for surgical reconstruction, and heart valves to replace diseased valves.
- Most religions support organ and tissue donation.
- There is no cost to be an organ and tissue donor. Donation is a gift!
- There are **6** transplant centers in New Jersey.
- Over **4,000** NJ residents are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.
- **678** people received a life-saving transplant at a New Jersey transplant center in 2018.
- **About a fifth** of those needing transplants received their transplant from a living donor.
- **Nearly 100** people died in 2018 while waiting at a New Jersey transplant center.
- Approximately 95% of Americans say they support organ donation, yet only 33% of NJ residents and about 40% of Americans are registered donors.

Overview:

To encourage Knights of Columbus members in New Jersey to become organ and tissue donors, we aim to educate members, dispel any myths surrounding organ and tissue donation, and inspire members to spread the message to their families and friends. To accomplish this, we will engage in educational outreach, speaking engagements, persuasive pieces in K of C newsletters, and registration drives.

The Knight, along with his family and friends, are the people that need to be made aware of our efforts. Only then will the mindset of many begin to change and our efforts be realized! The message we need to convey is: "When the need strikes, it's usually too late." The doctors, hospitals, and anti-rejection drugs are all in place. The one most important part of the equation that is missing, is the one thing that is free... the donated organ.

Everywhere that this program is promoted, we ask that the message be printed in exactly the same format as in the box below: This Motto Will Be Our Brand:

~~~~~ Brother Knights ~~~~~  
Become an Organ Donor with your Family and Friends.  
***Remember, the life that gets saved just might sit  
across from you at dinner tonight.***  
Register Now: [www.registerme.org/knights](http://www.registerme.org/knights)  
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Organ Donation State Chairman: Greg Ryan

Additional Info:

www.njsharingnetwork.org

www.donatelife.net

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donate_Life_America