

Appreciation Committee Report

There are many knights in the Order and in New Jersey, too many to count, who have provided assistance during this past Columbian Year. Brothers, we are blessed to be led by the finest caliber Catholic gentlemen.

Firstly, Appreciations are sent to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson for their superior leadership ability and to Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori for his spiritual guidance to the Order.

Appreciation to the late State Deputy, Vincent Tavormina for his excellent leadership of the NJ State Council until his second term was tragically shortened by the dreadful COVID19 infection which ended his life on January 26, 2021. Vinnie will always be remembered for his quiet, but effective leadership qualities and his infectious laugh.

Subsequently, State Secretary Jim Stoever was announced as Acting State Deputy to complete the last five month of State Deputy Tavormina's second term of Office, Appreciations certainly for Jim who wore two hats while maintaining the State Secretary position at the same time.

Our appreciation includes fellow the state officers for their dedication and support to NJ State Council. This group of Catholic Gentleman has served in State Council well in their respective dioceses and respective task. They are Raymond Sands, State Treasurer; James Sweeney, State Advocate and Russell Petrocelli, State Warden.

Appreciations certainly for our State Chaplain, Bishop Paul Bootkoski and Assistant to the State Chaplain, Father Ernie Rush , who have always been on hand to provide spiritual support throughout the years.

Certainly another individual who works out of the limelight, but nonetheless, provides invaluable and expert assistance is Executive Secretary, John Connell. John combines years of knowledge and experience on the job manning our State Office and phone calls seven days a week. Our legal counsel, Gil Scutti and our auditor, Mike Fabian, have spent hours providing their expert advice and talented skills.

I must also offer thanks to our Past State Deputies who have years of invaluable advise and continue to serve our Order in so many ways.

Our District Deputies provide skilled leadership and guidance in helping me and you to make your councils better.

Finally, I would like to thank the wives and ladies of our State Officers, Tamara Cassidy, Marlene Stoever, Barbara Sands, Eileen Sweeney and Liz Petrocelli, Their wisdom and support has also been invaluable to their spouses during this trying year. Remembering Late State Deputy's motto we go forward Patriots Protecting All God's Children.

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