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### Council 6203 Lenten Fish Dinner

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Council **6203** recently completed the 2018 Lenten Fish Dinners at Holy Savior Academy School in South Plainfield. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus have been running the fish dinners. Over the past 6 weeks, 1,300 fish dinners were sold with an average of over 216 people ordering dinners each week. All proceeds from the Fish Dinners goes back to Sacred Heart Church, Holy Savior Academy and the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

The Knights would like to thank all of the men, women and children who volunteered their time in helping set up, prepare, serve and clean up, especially Knights members Dan and Rob Richkus who delivered all home bound meals, Lenny Kleczkowski, Tom Frantz and Bob & Candi Longo for their leading roles in the dinners as well as the overall leader the man, the myth and the legend Bill Butrico. Without everyone's dedication, the dinners would not have run as smoothly as they did. In addition, special thanks to all the Sacred Heart Church Parishioners, Community volunteers, and to Lisa Thompson for managing the youths from the Sacred Heart CCD Classes who contributed many hours of help.



## 9199 Shield Awards

Our Lady of Peace Council 9199 of Fords presented their annual Shield Awards to an Edison police officer and an Edison Fireman. Patrolman Joseph De Pasquale was honored for his service to the community. Lt. Michael Mintchwarner, Joseph's supervisor stated that approximately 15% of the officers go "Above And Beyond" the call of duty in service to the community. Lt. Mintchwarner commended patrolman De Pasquale for constantly being in the 15% and going above and beyond to serve and protect the residents of the community. Captain Andrew Toth, Jr. was the Edison Fireman honored by the Knights, but he was not available to receive his award.

Also honored was Jeff Clement, who was chosen as the PREP Teacher of the year. PREP stands for Parish Religious Education Program and used to be called "CCD". An award was also presented to Emma Clement for being the winner of the Council's Free Throw Competition in the 12 Year Old Division. Emma made 24 out of 25 free throws and went on the District level competition.



In the photo, from left to right are: Lt. Mintchwarner, Deputy Grand Knight Emil Ferlicchi, Patrolman De Pasquale & family, Emma Clement, Jeff Clement and Grand Knight William Herring.

## St. Patrick Fund Raiser

The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council 5427 of Washington Township held its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 17, from 7 to 11 p.m. at its hall located at 79 Pascack Road. Dinner was corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings, including dessert and coffee, and an open bar for the entire evening.

The popular Patsy McLoughlin Irish Dancers performed after dinner. They are young Irish-American dancers who aspire to compete in Ireland. This year the Drum Major, three pipers and two drummers from the Bergen County Police Pipe Band performed. Frank DiGiovanni, aka DJ Sound Illusions, provided traditional Irish music and a lively variety for dancing.

The sold-out affair raised \$2,600 for the K of C Charity Fund, which donated \$62,000 to local charities in 2017 and is on pace to exceed that amount this year. Co-Chairmen Jim Dugan and Paul Kearney thank everyone for their support.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 1.9 million members worldwide. In the past year, the organization has raised more than \$4.4 million for Christian and other religious minority refugees in the Middle East. The Knights also set new records in 2017 for charitable giving with donations of \$175 million and 73.4 million hours of service to charitable causes. Mother Seton Council contributed \$62,000.



Pictured are a few of the young Patsy McLoughlin Irish Dancers.

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## Statue to the Unborn

On May 6, 2018, St. Jude Council 6551 dedicated a Statue to the Unborn at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Gibbsboro, NJ. The statue which is located in a prayer garden outside the parish office, depicts an angel praying over a memorial engraved, "Life...God's precious gift!" The prayer garden also contains two marble benches donated by Grand Knights from St. Jude Council and a statue of the Blessed Mother holding the Infant Jesus. The prayer garden was dedicated by SK Monsignor Louis A. Marucci, Pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish and Chaplain of St. Jude Council, in a ceremony that was attended by the Color Corps of Bishop B.J. Eustace Assembly 652, Haddon Township, NJ.

The statue, which is named, "Memorial to the Unborn," was created by an unknown sculptor. Funds raised by St. Jude Council over the past several years financed the project, which was overseen by SK Dominic J. Cotugno, Grand Knight. The statue and prayer garden was funded by the council, anonymous donations, and physical labor performed by a local landscaper and Brother Knights.

In attendance at the dedication was State Advocate, Ray Sands, District Deputy Michael Costello and the 4th degree color corps as well as parishioners, the Legion of Mary and all of the parish clergy.



The newly dedicated Statue will serve as a permanent tribute to the many pro-life activities sponsored by St. Jude Council. In the past years, the Council has conducted baby bottle drives to benefit Options for Women in Cherry Hill, NJ. To date the Council has raised over \$9,000 to support this pregnancy care center's free ultrasound program. In 2016, members of the Council refurbished the offices of another pregnancy care center, the National Life Center in Woodbury, NJ, by painting, carpets, new lighting, landscaping and other repairs.

The parishioners of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish and the Catholic community in South Jersey are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for developing the prayer garden devoted to the Blessed Mother and unborn children. The prayer garden and Memorial to the Unborn will serve as a source of inspiration and comfort for Catholics in South Jersey for many years.

## Seton Council Scholarships

Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council 5427 in the Township of Washington held its Scholarship Awards Night, May 31, at the Council Hall, 79 Pascack Road. The council recognizes students, who are related to members of Mother Seton Council, for their scholarship and extracurricular involvement. Three High School seniors were awarded scholarships this year; Rebecca Cirillo and Andrew Sklvanos, Westwood High School, and Emily Hernandes, Immaculate Heart Academy.

Cirillo achieved academic distinction for grade point average in sophomore, junior, and senior years. Her courses included AP Environmental Science, Electronics and Electricity, Applied Engineering, Graphic Design, and Accounting. She played volley ball, earning varsity letters for three years and was the team captain when they won the New Jersey Group 1 championship. She was also a member of the bowling team, earned the Girl Scout Silver Award and is a candidate for the Gold Award and is active in animal rescue work. She will attend either Stonehill College or Fairfield University to study engineering or business.

Sklvanos has had an outstanding academic GPA for all four years and has taken AP courses in Calculus, Environmental Science, Psychology, and Spanish. He is an inductee of the Grace Kennelly Chapter of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. He was Student of the Month for January 2018. He lettered twice for the varsity football team and once for wrestling. He is a member of the Pen Pals Club and the Math Team Club. He will attend James Madison University to study engineering.

Hernandes won many awards for acting, art and writing. Among them are the International Thespian (Honor) Society, National Art Honor Society, Tri-M Musical Honor Society, two Silver Keys for photography, and honorable mention for drawing. She has performed as the lead in IHA musicals, has been featured in musicals at St. Joseph's and Don Bosco. She is a member of the IHA choruses and serves as the cantor at Church of the Presentation Masses. Her summers have been spent at the Broadway Theater Workshops. She will attend Syracuse University to pursue a BFA in acting.

Thanks to Paul Elterlein for chairing the scholarship



Pictured with Paul Elterlein are left to right, Rebecca Cirillo, Andrew Sklvanos, and Emily Hernandes.

## Jewels Award

The St. Thomas More Council **2188** Westwood/Hillsdale was recently one of several honorees to receive the “Jewels of the Community Award” from the Saint James Social Service Corporation in Newark, NJ. For the last 22 years, the Saint James Social Service Corporation has played an instrumental role in the war against poverty and hunger and strives to empower and assist those who are less fortunate. The Council was honored for its several years of participation in the SJSSC Outreach Program. Council members cooked and served meals for the needy on the first Saturday of each month. The Council also received Proclamations from the Mayor of Newark, the Newark Municipal Council and the Essex County Board of Freeholders.



Pictured above (L to R): Vesta Godwin Clark, SJSSC Executive Director; Joseph Bisi, Grand Knight and Joseph Laquidara, Past Grand Knight.

## Council 6320 Tricky Tray

Succasunna, NJ , April 22, 2018. On Saturday April 21, The Knights of Columbus Council **6320** held their 20th annual Charity Auction and Tricky Tray. The Knights with support from the local community raised almost \$20,000 to support local charities.



Here Anthony of DPD gets a check from Grand Knight Dave Reinknecht. Anthony is assisted by Joanna Miller, Associate Executive Director of Department of Persons with Disabilities. Dave is assisted by family member Meghan.

## High Bridge Musicians

Three parishioners from St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in High Bridge were among 58 pastoral musicians recognized for their service by the Diocese of Metuchen. The honorees were from parishes in Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties and were recognized by Bishop James F. Checchio at an Evening of Prayer held at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. The annual event brings together vocalists and instrumentalists from throughout the diocese and is sponsored by the diocesan Office of Worship and the Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. St. Joseph Parish honorees were Linda Mirocco, Dolores (Dee) Savare and Richard Mirocco. Linda Mirocco has been serving St. Joseph and other parishes for 55 years, Dee Savare for 40 years and Richard Mirocco for 25 years. Together, the three have provided 125 years of service in their music ministry! In 2016, parishioner Tom Newman, who is a member of the parish choir and is a frequent Cantor at High Bridge services, was similarly honored by the Diocese of Metuchen for his 40 years of service. Other women and men who currently serve in the St. Joseph Choir include Lauren Brighton, Mike Krochta, Anna Marchette, Meg McKenna, Pete McKenna, Frank Pumillo, Michele Fortier, Blaise Latriano, Manuel Garcia, Melinda Hanisch and Jena Latriano. Those choir members have served the parish from as many as 30 years to 4 years – collectively adding more than 200 years of service in the parish music ministry. St. Joseph Parish is extremely fortunate to have such dedicated individuals who, in total, have provided more than 375 years of service to their parish!



## Fund for the Disabled

The Annual Fund Drive, April 20-22, conducted by Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council **5427**, Township of Washington, raised \$22,100 to aid developmentally disabled children and adults. Donations of \$12,100 were collected from car to car by Brother Knights. Drivers and passengers at the intersections of Pascack Road and Washington Avenue (near Seasons) and Pascack Road and Ridgewood Road (near Bacari Grill) were particularly generous. Shoppers at the Washington Town Center responded in a similar fashion.

A special thank you goes to Brother Knight Kevin Lynch, Oritani Bank CEO, for the very generous matching grant of \$10,000 from the Oritani Bank Charitable Foundation, which meant a new record of \$22,100, beating last year's \$22,000. At the K of C State Conference in May, Mother Seton Council was awarded a plaque for the best performance in the 2017 drive. Thanks also go to Drive Chairman Ed Garland and the dozens of brother knights who spent hours "shaking the can."

It has been the tradition of Mother Seton Council to use the donations collected to give back to the local communities. This year the money raised will be given to the following:

- Catholic Community Services
- Felician School for Exceptional Children
- Heightened Independence and Progress, Inc.
- Holy Cross Center of Learning
- New Concept for Living
- New Jersey Special Olympics
- Spectrum 360
- Spectrum for Living
- The ARC of Bergen-Passaic
- Mother Seton Council contributed \$62,000.

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Note: The photo attached shows Brother Knights Danny Licini, left, and Kevin Lynch, Oritani Bank CEO.

## Council 10627 Scholarships

The St. Joseph Parish Altar-Rosary Society Award was presented to Hailey Conroy, a senior at Voorhees High School where Hailey participated in Varsity Volley Ball, Basketball, S.H.I.P., Life Savors Club, Relay for Life, Ocean Conservation Club and the National Honor Society. Hailey is also a volunteer at the High Bridge School Garden. She plans to attend Misericordia University in Dallas, PA and major in Occupational Therapy.

The Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Council **10627**, awarded three Joseph F. Labuta Memorial Scholarships to Voorhees High School seniors Svetlana Boyle and Sarah Furka and North Hunterdon High School senior Madeline Voorhees. While completing her senior year at Voorhees, Svetlana Boyle also completed courses at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg majoring in Biology. Svetlana will be one of 50 students attending the Honors College at RVCC. She will then transfer to Rutgers University to complete her degree requirements. Svetlana also was a member of the Voorhees Marching Band for 4 years. Sarah Furka participated in the Voorhees High School softball program for four years and basketball program for two years, Relay for Life, New Jersey Math League, Mathematics Honor Society, Math Tutor, Lifesavers Club, Red Cross Club, Ocean Conservation Club and Student High School Integration Program. Sarah also volunteers for the High Bridge Summer Recreation program, March for Life, and is a Softball Mentor for young children. In the fall Sarah will attend Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN where she will major in Biomedical Engineering.

At North Hunterdon High School, Madeline Voorhees participated on the Varsity Swimming Team, was a member of the Search for a Cure, and Hoops for a Heart programs. Madeline also volunteered at the Hunterdon County YMCA. In the fall she will attend West Virginia University in Morgantown WV. All four students also participated in various parish activities.



L-R: Rev. Maurice Carlton, Pastor, St. Joseph Church, Svetlana Boyle, Madeline Voorhees, Sarah Furka, Hailey Conroy and Knight Mario Bernardo, parish scholarship program coordinator.

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## First Holy Communion

Communicates received their 1st Communion prayer books donated by St. Francis Council #2617 Knights of Columbus.



Knights who made the presentations are James Norton, PGK, Robert Farias Sr., FDD, Frank La Sala, FDD and Fr. Greg Golba, Pastor and Chaplain of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Haskell/Wanaque.

## 44th Annual Blue Shield

The Knights of Columbus of OceanCity Council **2560** honored members of the Police and Fire Departments of Ocean City for outstanding service to the community at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Shield Awards on May 24, 2018.



Pictured from left to right: Ocean City Police Award Recipient: Detective Sergeant Steven Sullivan Ocean City Acting Police Chief, Jay Prettyman Knights of Columbus Council **2560** Program Coordinator, Joseph DiMarco Knights of Columbus Council **2560** Grand Knight, Russell Schleider Ocean City Fire Chief, James Smith Ocean City Fire Fighter Award Recipient Timothy Quinn.

## Califon Scholarships

The St. Joseph Council of High Bridge awarded three Joseph F. Labuta Memorial Scholarships at the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann on June 16. The awards were presented at the Youth Mass by Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Pastor, and Knight Steven Bauernfeind of High Bridge. The recipients were seniors Clare Hulseman, Ciara Regan and Elizabeth Upwood.

Clare Hulseman is currently a student at Mount St. Mary Academy in Watchung, NJ with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while completing four advanced placement courses during her senior year. Clare is president of her Latin Club and participates in the "We Are Mercy" Club as school extra curricular endeavors. She also devotes community volunteer time at the Matheny School, assisting developmentally disabled and physically challenged children and has been a four year fundraising coordinator for Alex's Lemonade Stand, a national foundation for research into cures for childhood cancer. Clare will attend Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Attending Villa Walsh Academy in Morristown, Ciara Regan achieved a 4.0 GPA or higher. Ciara is involved in family faith sharing, the Greater Newark Life Camp, Villa Walsh Services Club, and student government secretary. She completes her day with varsity cheerleading, membership at the International Equestrian Association and as a journalist at her school newspaper. Ciara will major in journalism and mass communication in the fall at George Washington University.

Elizabeth Upwood fulfills her high school day as Varsity Tennis Captain at Voorhees High School, servicing Voorhees Junior Vikes Tennis Organization. Extra curricular activities include being a member of the French Club, Drama Club, Girl Up Club, National Honor Society, World Language Honor Society, and National Science Honor Society while achieving a 4.2 GPA in her senior year. Elizabeth will attend Clemson University in South Carolina majoring in Engineering.



(Left to right) Knight Steven Bauernfeind, Elizabeth Upwood, Clare Hulseman and Rev. Abraham Orapankal, St. John Neumann Pastor. (Not pictured: recipient Ciara Regan)

## Culture of Life Program Director

Brothers:

As we start a new Columbian Year, we continue to be faced with challenges. Despite having a Pro-Life President, we still fight at the state level against pro-abortion politicians, and the media, to be heard and understood on Life issues. We have truth on our side but being heard and being understood are extremely difficult with the roar of the opposition drowning us out.

There has been some good news. In May, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Planned Parenthood's bid for a ban of Arkansas's 2015 law that requires physicians who dispense abortion-inducing drugs to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. The decision enables the law to take effect in the middle of July as lawmakers originally intended, though Planned Parenthood intends to continue challenging it in lower courts.

But along with the victories, there have been some setbacks. In May, the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs for the American Medical Association came out firmly against assisted suicide. It rejected attempts to misdirect the public by calling it "aid in dying" or "death with dignity." They observed that "current evidence from Europe does tell a cautionary tale," containing fears of euthanasia for psychological problems, the slippery slope, and a lack of government control.

Then, this month, the AMA itself voted against the recommendation of its Council, referring it back for further study. Although the AMA's opposition position still stands for now, a referral back to CEJA is a lost opportunity to speak out firmly on the issue. It also creates another battleground for us, as we have to advocate life to the AMA, because in states where the medical community has taken a neutral position, assisted suicide has been approved! It is ironic that we must convince doctors not to kill their patients, but that's what we are facing.

Iowa passed a fetal heartbeat bill last month, banning abortions once a heartbeat is detected (although it does contain a rape and incest exception). Since a University of Oxford study showed that a preborn child's heart, originally thought to begin beating at 3 weeks, may actually begin to beat around 16 days gestation, Iowa became the safest state in the nation for preborn children.

Unfortunately, this month, a judge granted the abortion lobby's request to block temporarily enforcement of the ban, pending a final verdict on

the law's constitutionality. Supporters of the bill had agreed to the injunction ahead of time in the interest of "getting to a resolution on the merits sooner." They didn't want to put on a rushed case and wanted time to present the best possible arguments. Again, this presents us with another opportunity to argue the truth of the matter and turn the hearts of some judges.

For us to be successful in our mission to bring about a Culture of Life, this new Columbian Year we must do more than just carry out Pro-Life Programs. If a tree falls in the forest and no one hears it, did it make a sound? If we donate 100,000+ diapers, 200,000+ wipes, and \$100,000+, but no one knows about it, will it turn the hearts of our fellow citizens and turn them towards Life? At the end of the day, Catholic Advocacy is what will accomplish our goal, and we must focus on that. Write letters to the editor, submit press releases on your donations, speak out on social media, call your legislators and let them know how you feel and how you vote! Setbacks can be setbacks or opportunities. It is up to us to make them the latter and continue the fight! Carry out your programs, then shout your success with your loudest Catholic Voice! If you do that, we **will** be successful!



Vivat Jesus!  
Steven J. Richardson, FM  
Culture of Life Programs Director



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## State Membership Chairman

Dear Brother Knights:

As one Columbian Year comes to an end and we enter upon a new year, we recommit ourselves to the principles of the Order and goals and initiatives established by our State Deputy and the State Council. We have conducted successful orientation meetings with both the Grand Knights and the District Deputies and the following three areas were highlighted as they relate to membership:

### **Online Membership**

This new and innovative method of recruiting members to our Order went live in New Jersey on February 5, 2018 and the results have been better than expected. As of June 30, New Jersey has taken in 84 new members through the Online portal ([www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)) and Orderwide, more than 1,900 men have entered the Order through this process. These new brothers sought us out, completed the membership documents, and paid their dues. Almost all of them indicated a parish affiliation and/or a local council that they are interested in joining. This information is sent out to the Grand Knight and the District Deputy to accelerate the degree process and assist these new brother knights in joining a local council. They are members of the Order and may attend a meeting. They can download a membership card which would be presented to grant access to a local council meeting. They may not vote at a meeting or serve as an officer until degrees are taken.

### **Roundtables**

Many councils have adjacent parishes that do not have an affiliated council and a roundtable secures a Knights of Columbus presence in that parish and provides support to the neighboring pastor and priests. If you operate a roundtable, you should be completing Form 2630.

([https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable\\_report2630\\_p.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/roundtable_report2630_p.pdf)).

### **Inactive Ethnic Councils**

The State Membership Team has developed a subcommittee to reach out to ethnic councils that have gone inactive. There are more than two dozen of these councils throughout the state and we envision this as an opportunity to reinvigorate these councils and bring members back to the Order who may have let their membership lapse, through no fault of their own.

We are always exploring new council opportunities and establishing Ethnic Councils is an ever expanding avenue. In years past, an Ethnic Council was limited to Hispanic Councils but today, this has been expanded to include Polish, Korean, Filipino, and Haitian among the many ethnic groups in the State of New Jersey. If

you are aware of a new council opportunity, please contact your District Deputy or a member of the State Membership Team.

If any member of the Membership team can be of service to you, please feel free to contact us:

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Your Diocesan Membership Chairman will be scheduling local membership meetings in the early fall...the meeting place and time will be announced in upcoming issue of The Crusader.

VIVAT JESUS!  
Russell D. Petrocelli, MFD  
State Membership Director



## State Deputy

My Brother Knights,  
We are now coming up on the end of the 2017–2018 fraternal years. As I've said many times "Don't blink"! First let me say thank you to the Past State Deputies and the state membership for re-electing me, and the other State Officers. We pledge our continued efforts toward helping all Councils throughout the state this year to make it as successful as possible. Our Convention this past May was a success and everyone had an opportunity to see all the good councils did over the past year. We were honored to have Supreme Treasurer Ron Schwarz and his wife join us representing the Supreme Knight. Our guest speaker, Rev. Francis Herman (AKA: Fr. Rocky) the Executive Director of Relevant Radio gave us all an inspiring talk about the Knights and the Blessed Mother. Many people remarked how wonderful his speech was.

This past Fraternal Year has been rewarding and at the same time challenging within our order and the Church. We continue to face challenges to our religious liberties and confronted with a society full of indifference. We work toward offering the opportunity for every eighteen year old Catholic male to join our order. We have been successful in bringing in new members however more needs to be done to retain those who choose to leave.

We have had major success in the new On-line membership program instituted here in New Jersey as over 80 men have joined our order using this new initiative in New Jersey and the numbers increase daily. This is a new way of bringing in Catholic men, who want to join our order that MUST be embraced by every Grand Knight, Council and member in the state!

We had a fantastic year in our fraternal giving contributions and in our Drive for Intellectually Disabled Individuals. The New Jersey Knights were again in the forefront of assisting Seminarians financially and in our devotion and support of our Priests. All the diocesan "Pride in Our Priest" dinners were attended by hundreds of brothers and the appreciation shown to us by the Bishops and Priests is very humbling!

Here is your challenge! The next Columbian year MUST be and CAN be better with your help in your council in conjunction with our pastors and chaplains in an effort toward building the Domestic Church. WE MUST DO THIS!!!! We must continue the work of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, toward helping all in need and thus helping the church. So I ask this question, "are you willing to take on the challenge"? Please know the State officers and District Deputies are here to help you with all these things as we move forward into this coming new fraternal year. By doing all of this, we show everyone that we are truly **"Anchored in our Charity and Fraternity"**.

I wish you all a great fraternal 2018 – 2019 year! Don't Blink!

Bob Hatler, State Deputy



## General Program Director

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those who have fulfilled their leadership role in our Order, as you are the ones who set the course for our continued success.

We will be facing challenges ahead in the new Columbian year and we all have a responsibility to promote our faith-centered programs, as these are used for recruitment and retention. It is through these service programs that we have achieved the reputation for accomplishing good and retain our membership. As your State Program Director for the second year, I look forward with pride to an even better year ahead.

For the first time in 50 years, Sure with Service has been replaced with the New Supreme Initiative Faith in Action. Supreme has condensed our list of Programs to four categories instead of six. Our SP-7's will reflect this new look. The four are now: Community, Faith, Life, and Family. You will no longer need to appoint a Youth or Council/Fraternal Director on your 365's (which are due in August). Supreme has asked us to continue to nurture and promote the "Building Our Domestic Church" program with our parishes. Please note that in this Fraternal Year we need to do one Domestic Church program in each of the four categories on our Columbia Award application (SP-7).

June's GK meeting will go into this in depth. If you would like me to email a copy of my GK PowerPoint presentation to show to your Council leaders, please contact me at [PFNHFD@AOL.COM](mailto:PFNHFD@AOL.COM).

To help you better plan and participate in our Programs, please take into consideration the following: In September we have our Soccer Challenge; it is also the beginning of the cool weather so it is a good time to place your Coats for Kids orders. The kit for the Catholic Citizenship essay contest—which is in its second year—can be ordered at [www.kofc.org/essay](http://www.kofc.org/essay).

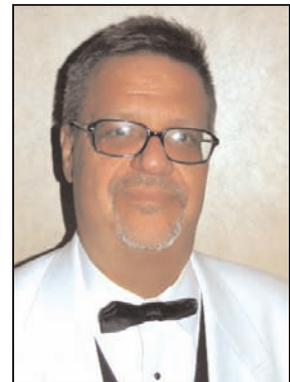
Our Family Rosary Rallies in the North and South are scheduled for October. Please consult the GK manual for information on both dates. Also in October is the NJ Knights of Columbus Retreat at St. Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch. Absolutely consider this to recharge your Spiritual batteries!!

This will also serve as a reminder to participate in the year-round programs, such as the Knight of the Month and Family of the Month contest. These are due to our Chairman by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. COUNCILS can enter the Supreme Family of the Month contest directly by submitting the forms to Supreme. Remember that the McGivney Guild should be run at every Admissions Degree. Simply get all the candidates to fill out the forms before the degree and submit to the State.

With the tools provided to us by both Supreme and the State Councils, let us together do our best and develop a calendar of programs. In doing so, let us have fun doing God's work while bringing other likeminded Catholic men into our Order.

Vivat Jesus,

Harold F. Delaney, III, FDD  
NJ State General Program  
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