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THE CAVALCADE

New Jersey Knight of Columbus is First Ferry Responder



A New Jersey knight was the first to ferry passengers to safety after Flight 1549 landed on the Hudson. US Airways Flight 1549 collided with a flock of geese and lost engine power just two minutes after taking off from New York's LaGuardia Airport. Capt. Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger brought the airliner down on the Hudson River just four minutes later. And three minutes after the jet hit the water, Capt. Vincent Lombardi arrived in his ferry boat, the first on the scene to rescue passengers.

Lombardi, Grand Knight of Montclair (NJ) Council **1277**, acknowledges the skill and quick thinking demonstrated by the plane's captain and crew. Mariners go through rigorous training and need to know how to respond and keep passengers safe. Even so, he saw God's hand at work that day.

State Deputy

My Brothers,

Don't look now but here comes spring! It's April and it's hard to grasp that nine months of the fraternal year have passed! We look forward to this last quarter of this Columbian year hoping to continue in the positive manner we have experienced statewide during these past months.

We are about two months away from our State Convention! I hope you have made strides to complete your membership and program goals that you set out in your planning meeting back in June of 2018! If you're not there yet there still is time to finish strong accomplishing those goals. Continue to recruit new members until June 30, 2019! The online membership program has been a huge success in New Jersey and we ask you to ask Catholic men to join us. You have the resources available in your State Officers, District Deputy, statewide membership and program teams and insurance benefits consultants who are ready, willing, and able to assist you in attaining those goals. It's not too late!

As I commented earlier, the State Convention is just two months away. It is set for May 17 – 18, 2019 in Wildwood NJ. I truly hope that you are planning to attend. The annual State Convention is the one time during the year when we join together to celebrate the many accomplishments of our councils and members. We honor those who have excelled in their service to others during the year; we conduct our required business as a State Council; discuss and vote on meaningful resolutions on important Church and social issues; elect officers to lead us in the next fraternal year and to enjoy the fraternity of Brothers and their families from around the State. The convention committee team, led by State Advocate Raymond Sands, has been working diligently to make this a special weekend.

I am extremely pleased to announce that we will be honored to have Rev. Fr. James Wallace, CsSR as our banquet guest speaker. Fr. Wallace is the Director of San Alfonso Retreat House in West Long Branch, NJ. San Alfonso's is the official State Council retreat house that we have supported for over 30 plus years. In addition, representing the Supreme Knight, we will have at our convention Sr. Vice President William J. Murray and his wife joining us for the weekend.

Our convention opening Mass is Friday, May 18th at St. Ann's Church, Parish of Notre Dame De La Mer, in Wildwood at 9 am. His Excellency Bishop Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of Camden, is scheduled to preside at the opening Mass along with State Chaplain Bishop Paul Bootkoski. The closing Mass will be on Saturday, May 18th at Notre Dame De La Mer at 4:30 pm. A dinner banquet will follow at

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General Programs

Brother Knights,

Spring is finally here, and we are entering the fourth quarter of the fraternal year. This is a good time to reflect on your council's accomplishments, and determine what still needs to be achieved. Have you utilized each of your programs as a recruitment opportunity and increased your membership? Have you filled your calendar throughout the year with enjoyable, meaningful, and faith-based programs and charitable outreach? If you have, then the year has to be an outstanding and memorable experience for you and your Brother Knights. Please continue in this positive manner in the remaining months to culminate a successful year for your council! If you haven't, there is still time remaining for you to take advantage of worthwhile programs from the State and Supreme Councils that will help those less fortunate, evangelize our faith, and bring renewed closeness within our families, in our parishes, and among Brother Knights. For ideas, see www.kofc.org/faithinaction, the State Council's monthly Crusader newsletter, or the Grand Knight Handbook.

With Easter on the horizon, we will soon be rejoicing in the Resurrection of Jesus, when we celebrate Christ's gift of Himself which transforms us and enables us to become gifts of ourselves to others. Let us continue to ask ourselves daily, "Are we keeping Christ alive in our lives?" Today, Jesus calls each of us by name to be missionary disciples who share and proclaim the good news of His Resurrection with all those we meet. We do this in countless ordinary ways through our daily lives and how we treat others. As Knights, let us share the opportunity of membership in the Order with Catholic men in our lives and most importantly, let us participate in meaningful programs and extend our compassion to those less fortunate by supporting our charitable causes, especially the Intellectual Disabilities Fund Drive, Special Olympics, Deborah Hospital, Alzheimer's Respite Care, Autism Family Support, and Support for Persecuted Christians. We desperately need YOUR help to make a difference in so many lives! YOUR help is needed NOW more than ever!

The State Convention is only a few weeks away and I truly hope all of you take the opportunity to visit Wildwood and take part in the many activities that are planned. For you and your family, share in our congratulations at the Awards Presentation, participate in the Opening and Closing Masses, attend the Wreath Laying Ceremony, and enjoy the formal Banquet with notable speakers. For Knights, attend the meetings to see what your State Council is doing, how it operates, and how it benefits so many worthwhile causes. With an abundance of Brother Knights and their families visiting Wildwood, it's an enjoyable time to be with your family, meet other Brother Knights, and enjoy the Jersey shore and attractions.

Finally, by June 30, make sure your council meets all the requirements for the Columbian Award and submits Form SP-7 to recognize the numerous hours of work by your dedicated officers and membership. Also, ensure key personnel have met the Safe Environment Training requirements (deadline May 1), not only for the safety of our youth and

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State Membership Chairman

Dear Brother Knights:

As the Holy Season of Lent comes to a conclusion and we celebrate the Easter Season, the State Membership Team encourages the local councils to finish the year strong and offer each Catholic gentleman that we meet at Mass the opportunity to join the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus. Founder's Day (March 29) has been the traditional day to conduct a Spring Recruitment Drive but, with Palm Sunday and Easter later in April, these might be better weekends to talk to prospective members. Instead of commenting about all the people that we never see in Mass throughout the entire year, except at Christmas and Easter, approach these men and ask them to join the Order. Yes, they might be in "your seat" at Mass or have taken "your parking spot" in the parking lot, but embrace these men as prospects and share with them all of the good works that your council does throughout the year.

To assist you in your recruiting efforts, please take note of the following:

Council - The Council, from each Diocese, that records the most new members between March 13 and June 20, will receive a check for \$100. To be eligible the council must record a minimum of 10 new members during the period identified. In the case of a tie, the \$100 award will be divided evenly between qualifying councils.

District Deputy – The District Deputy, from each Diocese, whose district records the most new members between March 13 and June 20 will receive a check for \$100. To be eligible, the district must record a minimum of 20 new members during the period identified. In the case of a tie, the \$100 award will be divided evenly between qualifying District Deputies.

A New Tool for Recruitment in the Digital Age

The technology in our pockets can help us keep the conversation going and recruit new members of the Order. Have you ever had a conversation with a man who would make a great addition to your council — but he hesitates to commit? "I need to think about it," he says. Or, "I could use some more information." That's when you take out your smartphone and pull up your council's custom Prospecting Landing Page.

The future Knight can simply type in his name and email address to learn about upcoming council events he and his family may want to attend. He'll get information about the Knights, even if he's not ready to commit at that moment. He enters his email address — and right away, he gets a message thanking him for his interest and giving him the council's contact information. Meanwhile, your



council's grand knight or membership director receives an alert that this man is a prospect for the council to recruit.

How can my council get a custom Prospecting Landing Page?

1. Visit info.kofc.org/pagerequest.
2. Provide your council's basic information. Using these details, the Supreme Council's Online Membership team will set up a landing page specifically for your council.
3. Try out the page. You can work with our team to customize it so the message is right for your council. Your council's custom Prospecting Landing Page extends the conversation with potential members beyond a few minutes. Now, you can keep them in the loop about council events and reasons to join. Meanwhile, these men will also receive weekly emails about the Knights from the marketing team at the Home Office.

Visit info.kofc.org/pagerequest for details.

If you have questions please feel free to call me or your local membership chairman. A Holy and Happy Easter to you, your family, and your friends.

VIVAT JESUS!

Russell D. Petrocelli, FM
State Membership Director

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the Convention center starting at 6 pm. All Grand Knights and District Deputies were sent information on registering for the convention and how to attend the banquet. Check the State Council website www.njkofc.org for all the convention forms and information.

Maryann and I hope you and your families continue to have a blessed Lenten season and a holy and joyous Easter!

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Hatler
State Deputy



Culture of Life Program Director

Brothers:

I write this message today with a heavy heart, as our state legislators have finally succeeded in passing an Assisted Suicide Bill, and by the time you have read this, Governor Murphy will have signed it into law. They have tried to dress it up euphemistically as the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act, but the lipstick on that pig will not take very long to smear.

Other states that have passed these types of bills into law have already experienced the chilling consequences of their actions. Oregon's Barbara Wagner and California's Stephanie Packer are only the first victims of this, as people who want to live, but whose insurance companies will not pay for the treatment necessary for them to do that.

Derek Humphry, founder of the notorious assisted suicide advocacy organization, Hemlock Society — now called Compassion and Choices (same lipstick; different pig) — wrote about an “unspoken argument” for assisted suicide. He said:

“There is no contradicting the fact that since the largest medical expenses are incurred in the final days and weeks of life, the hastened demise of people with only a short time left would free resources for others. Hundreds of billions of dollars could benefit those patients who not only can be cured but who want to live.”

As Dickens once wrote in A Christmas Carol, “If they would rather die they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population.” Never has life been so cheap as when preserving it is considered a waste of money!

Ironically, even as this bill passes and is enacted, Pfizer is advertising the merits of their drug Ibrance to help women with metastatic breast cancer. You have probably seen the story of “Carla” on television. It does not cure the disease; it merely delays its progression. It gives you those extra couple of years with your family. But will that be possible any more in New Jersey? Will those wanting those extra months or years be allowed to have them?

In our country today, Life is measured in terms of economics. There are many “economic” arguments to justify abortion as well. Basically, a woman shouldn't be forced to take on something she cannot afford, and the money that would have been spent on raising the child could be put to better use elsewhere.

In essence, we are now being told that when Life becomes a drain on economic resources, it should be terminated. The mother is better off



spending money on herself rather than a child. Dying adults shouldn't get money that could be spent more effectively and economically elsewhere to help other people. Mothers are choosing the cheaper option that kills their child; insurance companies will choose the cheaper option that kills the adult! In both instances, others are choosing who lives and who dies! Is this the society that we want?

The battle to bring about a Culture of Life is not just about abortion. It is about changing the mindset of our society and its leaders away from the idea that Life boils down to dollars and cents and the expediency of the “cheaper option,” and towards the realization that Life is priceless and worth any amount of money to maintain, at every point from conception to natural death!

This task is never easy but causes as important as these never are. Continue the fight Brothers, through our programs and through our Catholic advocacy, and we will succeed!

Vivat Jesus!

Steven J. Richardson, FM
Culture of Life Programs Director

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Knights and Parishes Deliver Life

Knights of Columbus from District 46 in the Paterson Diocese delivered diapers, wipes, and other needed supplies to Lighthouse Pregnancy Center in Wayne, NJ, on February 2, 2019. January was Sanctity of Life month and the four councils of the K of C, covering six parishes in Wayne, Pequannock, Sparta, and Sussex, collected baby supplies for the center.

“Lighthouse does tremendous work all over Central and Northern New Jersey and are always in need of supplies, so we just wanted to help them,” said Bob Medina, District Deputy of the councils. “It was an idea suggested by our State Deputy Robert Hatler, and one of our councils was very excited about it. That excitement was shared by our other three councils, so we decided to make it a district-wide collection.”

The collection (one truckload, one minivan, and one car full) netted 8734 diapers, 228 packs of wipes, and assorted other supplies like a car seat, handmade mittens and hats, ointments, etc.

Kerri Schaeffer, Deb Provencher, and Jan Rowland of Lighthouse were delighted when representatives of the district dropped off the supplies. They were very hospitable and showed the Knights around their facility, their ultrasound machine, and their educational programs that help save lives every single day.

The councils plan on continuing and growing their relationship with Lighthouse in the near future. The contributing councils are General Judson Kilpatrick Council **5563**, Sussex, Anthony Szwartz, Grand Knight; Bishop Navagh Council **5943**, Pequannock, Ed Huresky GK; Immaculate Heart of Mary Council **10206**, Wayne, Glenn Matano GK; Saint Kateri Council **13677**, Sparta, Greg Risco GK. Contributing parishes were St. Monica’s in Sussex, St. Francis De Sales in Vernon, Our Lady of Fatima in Vernon, Holy Spirit in Pequannock, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Wayne, and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha in Sparta.



The Knights, along with Kerri Schaeffer and Deb Provencher of Lighthouse, stand with the load of supplies they delivered (8734 diapers, 228 packs of wipes, and more).



Members of the Knights of Columbus District 46 learn about the work that Lighthouse Pregnancy Centers do in New Jersey. DD Bob Medina, GK Greg Risco, and GK Glenn Matano stand with Deb Provencher and Jan Rowland with the center’s live-changing and life-saving ultrasound machine.

General Program Director

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vulnerable individuals, but to protect your council’s reputation and maintain the good name of the Knights of Columbus.

In closing, the NJ State Council General Programs Team and I, along with our families, hope you have a joyous Easter and extend our best wishes and prayers for good health, happiness, and success as we grow spiritually and celebrate His Resurrection. May the Latin motto of our Order and our Order’s official greeting, “Vivat Jesus!” (meaning “Jesus Lives”), resonate with us. And let us always answer with enthusiasm by our words and especially in our actions, “Vivat Jesus, Indeed!”

Fraternally,

Martin Boyle, FDD, NJ State General Programs Director

3402 Free Throw Contest

On January 12th St. Joseph Council #3402, Keyport, N.J. reactivated the Basketball Free Throw after a long absence. 33 children and 16 members of the council conducted the council phase of the program.



3 Ultra Sound Machines

The Knights of Columbus funded the purchase of 3 Ultrasound machines for the First Choice Women's Resource Center that were installed in several locations in NJ, including Morristown, NJ. This was a shared funding effort between the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus, the Mount Arlington Council 5114 and the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. These are very sensitive machines and enable the technician to detect the heartbeat of the child in the womb at the '5 week 5 day' point in the pregnancy of the mother. It is the hope of the center, that by detecting the heartbeat early, that they can influence the mother's decision to carry the pregnancy to full term.

The center is run by Aimee Huber, Executive Director of First Choice. Aimee expressed her deep gratitude for these Ultrasounds and all the good work that the Knights of Columbus do for Life causes, especially the help they provide to First Choice.



Alzheimer's Program

In New Jersey alone, over 600,000 people are affected by Alzheimer's and dementia, which includes 180,000 individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's and over 450,000 caregivers. (Alzheimer's New Jersey TAP Bloomfield Health and Wellness December 17th). While eighty nine percent (89%) visited a doctor to seek diagnosis only about half (54%) of the physicians seen suggested support programs to assist those with the disease and their caregivers. Here in New Jersey did you know the State Council has a great program called Alzheimer's Respite Care. Respite care provides caregivers a temporary rest from care-giving, while the person with Alzheimer's continues to receive care in a safe environment. Will your council consider helping in 2019? Check out The Special Programs section in the Grand Knights Manual for more information and contacts.

From one of the organizations assisted by your help:

Mr. Hatler, "We are very appreciative for the generous support of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for the organization's most recent gift of \$10,000 for our Respite Care and Wellness program. Thank you again for supporting our mission to help New Jersey families impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementia's." Nancy Wellbrock Associate Director of Individual and Foundation Giving.



Brother Knights from Knights of Columbus Council 12004 -Plainsboro- Peter Pfister, Jun Marquez, Andrew Lawrence, John Ryan and Tony Kosar outside McCaffrey's supermarket.

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St. Joseph Champs

The St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus Council **10627** in High Bridge conducted another successful Free Throw Championship for girls and boys between the ages of 9 and 14. Council Member Chris Denis coordinated the competition that was held in Lebanon Township and High Bridge schools. The Knights partner with High Bridge Youth Basketball (HBYB) and the Lebanon Township Athletic Association (LTAA) resulting in one of the largest local tournaments in the area. Despite inclement weather that closed schools and shortened the competition, the High Bridge Knights still had nearly 120 participants!

Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts in and an additional competition was held to conduct final tie breaker 'shootouts' for the highest scorers in the individual HBYB and LTAA programs.

2019 nine-year-old champions were Siobhan Devine (LTAA) and Lucas Benitez (LTAA). Ten-year-old champions were Kayla Appicelli (HBYB) and Joey Gardner (LTAA). Eleven-year-old champions were Camryn Valenta (HBYB) and Jason Morales (HBYB). Twelve-year-old champions were Maansi Patel (LTAA) and Tristan Egan (HBYB). (Patel also won the local 2018 and 2016 competitions!) Thirteen-year-old champions were Nora Stashefski (LTAA) and Owen Pierro (LTAA). Fourteen-year-old champions were Eliza Truempy (LTAA) and Joe Furka (HBYB). (Furka was a 2016 local winner at age 11.)

The local winners advanced to the district round of competition a few days later at Immaculate Conception School in Annandale where Siobhan Devine, Kayla Appicelli, Joey Gardner, Maansi Patel, Tristan Egan, Nora Stashefski, Owen Pierro, Eliza Truempy, and Joe Furka won their respective brackets. They will advance to the regional competition on March 23 that will be at Our Lady of Lourdes School in Milltown, moving on to the state and international levels.



"Thank You" State Officers

On the evening of February 24, 2019 the State officers and Past State Deputies welcomed all the Hierarchy from the State to an appreciation dinner at Nanina's in the Park in Belleville, NJ. The State officers and PSD's met with them to say "thank you" for all the support they continue to show for the Knights throughout the State.



Pictured are the State Council Officers with His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin the Metropolitan of the New Jersey. Pictured from left to right - State Advocate Ray Sands, State Treasurer Jim Stoeber, State Chaplain Emeritus Bishop Charles McDonnell, State Deputy Robert Hatler, Cardinal Tobin, Bishop Paul Bootkoski State Chaplain, State Secretary Vinnie Tavormina and State Warden Jim Sweeney.

Cornerstone Donation

Fr. Cannon Council **2607** donated \$500 to Cornerstone Women's Resource Center. The check was actually sent to the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation which matched our donation resulting in \$1,000 being given to Cornerstone. Cornerstone offers life-affirming choices and hope through Jesus Christ by providing practical help and education. Their services to young women, their families, and school students are free and confidential. They are a faith based, pro-life, non-profit organization serving Salem County since 1983.



Congratulations State Deputy and First Lady



Operation "Chillout"

On December 1, 2018, Elizabeth Council **253** delivered 36 backpacks filled with new warm winter clothing, caps, and gloves to Operation Chillout; an outreach program for homeless veterans (www.operationchillout.org). This is the fourth year Council **253** has worked with Operation Chillout and each year the number of backpacks provided has increased.

This is one of three charitable activities Council **253** engages in every November and December. The council works with Saint Genevieve Boy Scout Troop 23 on a Thanksgiving food drive, the Saint Genevieve Youth Group on a coat drive, and Operation Chillout.



Pictured (L-R) Owen Iungerman (PFG), Vin Badallis (CC President), Bob Lenehan (PGK), Richie Zamorski.

Microwave Donation

Last week the Grand Knight in Englishtown, Jify Loreta called me to see if the Freehold Council can chip in to buy a commercial microwave for Feed God's Children Soup Kitchen in Freehold, NJ to warm their meals. Deacon Mike Foster of St. Thomas More made the same request. I said no problem, I can get one from work!

This morning, Brother Steve Kedulich and I made the donation to Jim Benedick, founder of the St. Peters Feed God's Children Soup Kitchen.

Feed God's children provide over 180 meals to the homeless and hungry in Freehold every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday right on 33 Throckmorton in Freehold Boro.



New Hope Pregnancy Center

At the Social Meeting of Council **7647**, St. Therese, Cresskill, Kristy Fall from New Hope Pregnancy Centers (<https://newhopeprc.org>) visited us to accept a donation of \$1,000 from our Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. Ms. Fall is on the board of directors of New Hope. She shared with us the mission of New Hope and her personal testimony of being part of an organization that helps women in crisis with one-on-one mentoring. New Hope partners pregnant women with a volunteer that makes sure the mother gets her ultrasound to see that baby in her womb, schedules doctors' appointments and covers transportation, helps with paperwork, gets her back in school, and, in general, knocks down those barriers that might discourage her from taking that baby to term.

The New Hope partnership does not end at delivery. The mothers are partnered for three years with the New Hope volunteer. New Hopes does what feminists claim to do; empower women. Ms. Fall's personal story of her partnership with a mother that was working for minimum wage, became pregnant, boyfriend not in the picture, about to have an abortion, then contacted New Hope. She was partnered with Ms. Fall, had the baby, and now is getting her Masters in Nursing because of that mentoring and support.



In attendance tonight: Christy Fall, Father Sam Citero, John Srsich, Barry Dempsey, Mark Neville, Norm Nilsen, Ed Wilkin, Carl Manna, Anthony Barbieri, John Leclercq, Al Spiegel, Vinnie Favaro, Bill Smith, Jim O Gorman, and GK Robert Touts.



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3826 March For Life

The group from St. Mary's Parish Barnegat went on a bus sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Annunciation Council #3826.

The group led by Father Walter Quiceno and Sir Knight Albert Del Tufo from the Knights of Columbus FDD, FFN, PGK.

Our group consisted of students from All Saints Regional Catholic School and Donovan Catholic, youth from Saint Mary's Youth Ministry and our Spanish Community along with adults from the many ministries in our parish.



Poster Contest Winners

This year's Fourth Annual Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest was sponsored by the Ocean City Knights of Columbus Council 2560. Participants from St. Damien's CCD program ages 7 thru 14 submitted entries to display their talents and imaginations while meaning of Christmas. The winning poster in three age groups advance to the District Level and may ultimately compete in the Regional/State Level. Father Thomas F. Blake Council 2560 would like to thank all those who submitted entries. The following are the winners and runner-ups from Saint Damien Parish.

- Ages 5 to 7 Winner: Deidy Avila
Runner up: Keegan Ruskoski
- Ages 8 to 10 Winner: Princess Cunanan
Runner up: Taylor Beckmann
- Ages 11 to 14 Winner: Ingrid Avila
Runner up: Ingrid Benigno



Pictured left to right; Ingrid Benigno, Taylor Beckmann, Keegan Ruskoski, Deidy Avila, Brother Knight Barry Anes, (not present) 1st place winners Princess Cunanan, and Ingrid Avila.

Ultrasound Donation

In their continuing effort to prevent abortions in a non-confrontational, non-violent, confidential, and personal way, the Knights of Columbus have been donating portable ultrasound machines for use outside clinics where abortions are performed. The Knights recently donated another of these machines to Several Sources Shelters which has over the years saved over 700 of these babies! These portable devices allow prospective mothers, free of charge, to get to see, hear and know their child before deciding on a course of action. Over the past several years the Knights have donated over 1,000 of these machines because they have discovered that once a mother experiences ultrasound they are far more likely to deliver their child. The ultrasound machine is contained in a van which is parked outside a clinic where abortions are available. A trained technician is then able to show the mother the unborn child via a non-invasive procedure in a relaxing, comfortable and private environment.

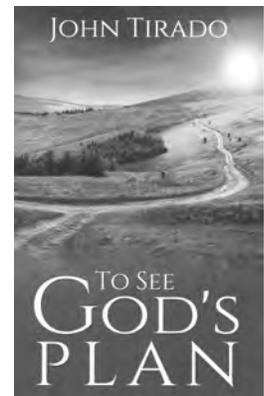


(From Top left) Knights of Columbus David Cordero Past Grand Knight, Ray Lill Past Grand Knight & Former District Deputy, Bob Hatler New Jersey State Deputy, Jim Sweeney New Jersey State Warden, a Mother with saved child.

(Bottom row left to right) a Mother with saved child, a Mother with saved child, Kathy Defiori President of Several Sources, Rosie the ultra sound technician.

A Knight's Book

"To See God's Plan" is a new book written by John Tirado, Seminarian Letter Program Chairman. The Christian book has a pro-life theme. Available on Amazon.



Bowling Tournament

The Annual Lombardi 6552 Council "Exceptional Bowling Tournament for Special Needs Kids" took place on Sunday, March 10th and what a great day it was! So many laughs and smiles we shared, and... some great athletes were in our midst! Such a wonderful event that we can't wait until next year!! Thanks to all the Lombardi Brothers and family that came out to help. Great job, brothers!

This is an event that our Program/Special Needs Director, FDD/PGK John Brandon runs each year and he does an incredible job! This year, we hosted about three dozen special needs bowlers in 16 lanes and it was a total blast! So much fun was had not only by the kids, but the parents and all the Lombardi brothers as well!

Join us every Wednesday of the month as John Brandon hosts a Support Group for Parents and Guardians of Special Needs Children and Adults at 7:00 PM at the St. Mary's School Cafeteria located at 538 Church Street in Middletown. There are always professional presenters there to help these parents and guardians!



Polar Penguins New Record

The 2019 NJKofC Polar Penguins have set a new record in their fundraising endeavors for Special Olympics NJ. On Feb 23, 2019, the team took the Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics NJ for the 11th year. So far, this year's team has raised a total of \$70,356, finishing in 3rd place out of 460 teams registered for the Plunge. Added to our previous donations, this brings the teams total donations for the plunges up to \$359,754.

This year's team leader in fundraising was Gary Seals, FDD with \$13,227, followed by David Coppola, FDD raising \$12,215. They were followed by Ray Lill, FDD, who raised \$7,222, and Gregory Risco with \$5,254. For their fundraising efforts, the 4 Penguins will receive the coveted Polar Bear Plunge Jackets, which will be shipped to them at a later date. This was Gregory's first time receiving the jacket, Ray, Dave and Gary have received multiple jackets, which they have donated to others. These 4 gentlemen, as well as the rest of the team, worked hard this year, receiving donations early in the campaign, and finishing strong.

I am very proud of this team of individuals that have worked hard for Special Olympics NJ. All of them should be proud of what they have accomplished this year, as well as in the past. I look forward to plunging again with them next February and in future years.



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Honoring Bishop Dennis Sullivan

On Sunday, February 17, 2019, the Master of the 2nd New Jersey District of the Fourth Degree, Christopher Tomasello, Sr., held an exemplification of the 4th degree honoring His Excellency Bishop Dennis Sullivan of the Camden Diocese. In addition it was an even bigger honor as the Bishop was the recipient of the Fourth Degree that day along with eighty-two other Sir Knights. A dinner honoring the Bishop and all the new Sir Knights followed the degree and the Bishop thanked everyone for their support and thanked the Knights for all they do for the Church.

