



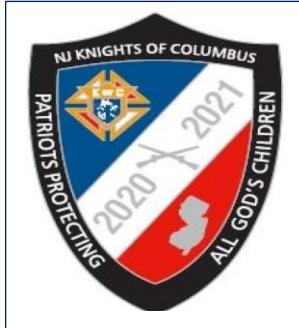
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State Deputy



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Dear Brother Knights,

Wait! What? Is it really July, the beginning of another Fraternal Year? Or, to put it another way, the end of my first year as State Deputy! To quote one of my favorite Baseball announcers, "Holy Cow!" I guess I blinked! But as John Gazis said, when I blinked, the whole world turned upside down!

It was, to say the least, a very eventful year, both personally (my surgery) and for the Order (COVID-19). But we got through it because we are Knights, and we always find a way. And, we not only got through it, but we had a highly successful year. Not even the pandemic could stop us from achieving, or getting awfully close to, our goals.

I was never prouder of our Brother Knights as I have been these past 3 months. When we were shut down back in March, my first reaction was, "Now what do we do?" I really thought our membership goals were out the window. But, thanks to the efforts of State Membership Director, Chris Duffett, and the Membership team, we took advantage of what was provided to us from Supreme in the form of Online Exemplifications and kept on truckin'. As of this writing, we are getting fairly close to reaching our adjusted goal. I also am thankful to State Program Director, Scott Williams, and the Program team. Again, under less than ideal circumstances, and despite some programs having to be canceled, the Program team was able to keep as many programs running as possible.

Speaking of Membership and Programs, as you are probably aware, all but a few awards that would normally have been presented in Wildwood have been posted on the State Website. However, I purposely held back a few of them – Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, District Deputy Circle of Honor, and District Deputy of the Year. Not to diminish the other awards, but these are the most prestigious that we give out, and I wanted them to have the honor of receiving their award in person in front of their peers and spouses/family. So, at some point, hopefully in the very near future at one of our gatherings, these awards will be announced and presented.

During the first week of June, every State Deputy took part in virtual State Deputy Meetings online. During the course of the meetings, besides the inspirational talks and the training information, we were given our jurisdictional goals and were told about the changes to Star Council requirements. I do not want to go into detail here (your District Deputies will fill you in), but Brothers, it is your time to shine. I am excited about the new criteria and I am sure you will be too. Every Council has a realistic chance to be Star Council this year! I am looking forward to seeing many Councils attain that prestigious award.

Brothers, as we begin the next Fraternal Year, let us re-dedicate ourselves to the vision of our founder, the Venerable (soon to be Blessed) Father Michael J. McGivney. You have chosen to be part of an Order that does a tremendous amount of good in the world. I hope that fills you with as much pride as it does me. Keep up what you are doing. If you are not as involved as you would like, now's the time. We don't need you 24/7. Whatever amount of time you can give is more than appreciated. But, a word of caution. Don't wait until September. The year starts July 1st. Let us hit the ground running.

On behalf of all the State Officers, Tamara and I wish you a very enjoyable, peaceful, and NORMAL summer. I hope that the situation allows us to "break out" of our homes and enjoy this beautiful world we live in. Thank you for all you do. Vivat Jesus, [Vincent Tavormina](#), State Deputy

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SCHEDULED ONLINE DEGREES

The online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available **ON-DEMAND**.

Welcome new members to your council at their convenience 24/7. Send the [invitation](#) to prospects today.

Scheduled Online Exemplifications will continue during the month of July.

English

[Thurs., July 2 7:00 PM EDT](#)
[Thurs., July 2 10:00 PM EDT](#)

Spanish

[Wed., July 8 9:00 PM EDT](#)

French

[Tues., July 7 8:00 PM EDT](#)

NOTE: Councils must file a form 100 for all candidates who complete an online exemplification.

For clarification on the difference between the Online Ceremony and Online Membership (Online Join), [click here.](#)

Dear Brother Knights:

Again, as I write this article, I hope all of you and your families are safe and well.

Well, as the fraternal year comes to an end, what do we say? It has truly been challenging. Considering how this year transpired we ended on a good note, Thank you. I would also like to thank all the members who brought in a new member(s).

As of the writing of this article we have brought in 1,454 new members, just shy of 80% of our revised goal. As we begin the new fraternal year, let us look at the "Leave No Neighbor Behind" program. Let us spread the word on the good deeds we do as Knights. We have helped stock food pantries, participated in blood drives, checked in on our Brothers and neighbors, and helped get our Parishes ready for re-openings. Let us use these good deeds to attract more new members. Many want to help, but do not know how or where to start. Let us guide their way. We can ask them to join us at any of these activities and or ask them to join us online. Let us work with our Pastors and use the church bulletins to spread the good word of the works we have done and continue to do.

As you know, due to the pandemic Supreme has started to host weekly online video degrees. We now will be able to utilize these degrees on-demand. More information will be coming out shortly. No more waiting for a scheduled degree. Men will be able to obtain Knighthood and watch the CUF degrees when it is convenient for them.

Many of you are also aware that Supreme has also adjusted the quota for Star Council. The quota has been lowered to 5% of your council's membership.

So why wait to recruit new members. Let us do it now as the Fraternal year begins. Do not stop because it is Summer. Many are coming back to church and this is a great opportunity to recruit.

As always if you need assistance, please reach out to your Diocesan Membership Chairman or myself. Our information can be found in the State Directory.

VIVAT JESUS!

[Christopher Duffett, FDD](#)

State Membership Director

Upcoming Events:

* PLEASE NOTE – **ALL MONTHLY REPORTS ARE DUE AT THE STATE COUNCIL OFFICE ON THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH**

Be sure to make a note of the activities that are scheduled for the next several months. Click the specific activity [\[hyperlink\]](#)  to obtain more information, details and forms. Log-in required

July 2020

- July 1 - Form #185 Due at Supreme
- July 4 - Independence Day ~ Fly your Flag
- July 11 –Grand Knight Virtual Orientation Meeting
- July 11 - District Deputy Virtual Orientation Mtg
- July 18 – State Raffle Drawing – Wildwood
- July 12 – Birthday of Robert Mate, KHS, PSD
- July 20 – Birthday of Herbert Meyer, PSD
- July 21 – Birthday of Robert Wade, KSG, KM, KHS, PSD

August 2020

- August 1 - Form #365 due at Supreme
- August 4 - Coast Guard Birthday – Fly your Flag
- August 12 – Fr Michael J McGinvey's 168th Birthday
- August 13 – Birthday of Anthony Zally, PSD
- August 14 - 130th Anniversary of Fr McGivney's death
- August 15 - Audit Report due at Supreme
- August 15 - Assumption of Mary
- August 29 - Birthday of Reginald Beckett, KGCHS, PSD

September 2020

- September 7 - Labor Day – Fly your Flag
- September 11 - Patriot's Day – Fly your Flag
- September 14 - Birthday of Dr. Daniel Rossi, PSD
- September 18 - Air Force Birthday – Fly your Flag
- September 20 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- September 27 – Birthday of Raymond Sands, ST

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Quarterly Calendar



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Highlighted Programs of the Month

ENGRAVED BIBLES

As was stated in our Admission Degree by the ceremonial Deputy Grand Knight, "death is not voluntary, it will come to each of us. We know not when, we know not where nor how." Inevitably, a member of our order passes away almost weekly in our state. Perhaps your Council will lose a member this year, unfortunately.

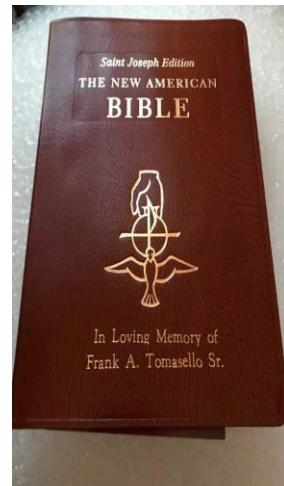
Some Councils and Assemblies have a Chalice fund where they purchase a Chalice and have it engraved with the member's name engraved on it to present to the Brother's family and they in turn donate it to their Parish or give it to a Priest that has a relationship with their family. While this is a great thing to do, most of the time that Chalice is put in a cabinet and doesn't get used as much as the family would like, because the Priest usually uses one given to him by his family when he is Ordained.

We suggest something a bit different, something the family could get some use of personally. We have added engraved Bibles to our Keep Christ Before Us Program. The Bibles can be ordered using the form in the Grand Knight's Manual, and can be in your hands to be presented to the family quickly, usually within a week of ordering, sometimes sooner, while a Chalice can take weeks to be delivered.

The Bible costs \$55, while prices for a Chalice start at \$350, some are as much as \$3,000. Below is an image of a Bible that was presented to a family recently, and I believe the family was touched deeply by the gift.

To expedite the order, please call the Program Chairman and email the name to be engraved.

[John A Gazis, FDD,](#)
Chairman



KofC License Plates

Brothers,

We received a pin with the logo of the order at our Degree and we wear it proudly. Most of us have one or more shirts, hats and jackets where we proudly proclaim that we are members of the Knights of Columbus. Why not display that same pride on the front and back of your car?

Everywhere you drive people know you are a Knight of Columbus. I have been asked many times about my Knights of Columbus plates and I proudly boast about who we are and the many good works we perform.

A couple years ago while on a family trip to the Cape May zoo a gentleman collecting donations at the gate saw my plates and asked where I was a member. I replied 2976 and it turned out he was a past Grand Knight of my council some 30 plus years ago. A wonderful experience of meeting him all due to my having The Knights plates. I'm calling on all brothers to order your K of C plates now! The cost of new plates is only a one time fee of \$25, personalized plates are also available for \$50 more!

Contact [Hank Keating FDD](#) @ 856-627-3483



PROGRAM CORNER

My Fellow Knights,

I congratulate all newly elected Grand Knights. This position is extremely important to your Council in the upcoming fraternal year. Start right away and make the summer work for you. Make the summer count. We are now in our second full year with the Faith in Action (FIA) Program platform, we are hoping for continued success. You have heard me say this before, this program model will do great things for our Council's membership growth, as well as our relationships with our Parishes, Pastors, and Community.

Our Program Team stands ready to assist you with anything you need. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. There are some significant changes this upcoming year. Unfortunately, this new fraternal years Program team has experienced some changes.

With the untimely loss of SK George French, this year's team consists of the following Brothers:

Edward Michalak, FDD – Deputy Program Director

Robert Wright, FDD – Community Director

Robert Lynch, FDD – Faith Director

Arthur Troccoli, FDD – Family Director

Steven Richardson, FM – Life Director

Thomas Rohe – Squires & Squires Rose Director.

Just last month you were filling out the SP-7 Report for the Columbian Award. Do not wait until June 2021 to fill this report out again. Start now and make this a living document. **Now for the changes:** With the current situation involving Covid 19, Supreme has changed the requirements for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year Columbian Award. For this Fraternal Year, each Council must complete the following requirements: Councils **MUST** complete 4 programs in **EACH** category. **NO REQUIRED PROGRAMS!!!** 4 **FEATURED** Programs for each category which **COUNTS FOR 2 LINES ON SP-7**. These programs are as follows:

FAITH– RSVP, HOLY HOUR, SPIRITUAL REFLECTION, and INTO THE BREACH.

COMMUNITY– GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, COAST FOR KIDS, and LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND.

FAMILY– FOOD FOR FAMILIES, FAMILY OF THE MONTH, FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT, and BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH.

LIFE– ULTRASOUND PROGRAM, MARCH FOR LIFE, SPECIAL OLYMPICS, and PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT.

Remember the Safe Environment Program. This is not only required for the Columbian Award it is necessary to protect you and your Council should an accusation be made. By running the programs and doing good deeds that God has put before us, we will be "PATRIOTS PROTECTING ALL GODS CHILDREN"

[Scott Williams, FDD.](#)

NJ State Program Director

PATRIOTIC CORNER

Happy 4th of July to all Knights and their families.

It seems to be that we are slowly getting back to somewhat normal conditions.

As for our Color Corps participation, we are still not fully into the swing of things. I am hoping that in the near future, we will be given the Green Light. If you go out for a callout, make sure you wear a Black Mask and keep 6' apart. Remember only the Masters will approve a callout. If anything changes, the Masters will let you know. As of now, our Bishops are controlling the number of corpsmen that are being allowed to go to the church callouts when they call upon our Color Corps.

Congratulations goes out to Master Chris Tomasello for making history with holding a Virtual 4th Degree with over 350 new Sir Knights joining the Patriotic Degree. His Degree Team did a great job holding two degrees on the same day. We still love the person to person exemplifications with families and friends attending the celebrations after the degree. Hopefully, it will come back this November.

November 22nd is the First New Jersey District's Military Ball and 4th Degree Exemplification honoring all our brother Sir Knights who have passed during this pandemic and did not receive the honors they truly deserved. All information is on our website at www.firstnjdistrict.org

Congratulations to all the New Assembly Officers stepping up to lead their Assembly for 2020-2021. Thanks to all the outgoing officers for doing a Great Job this past year.

On behalf of the Second District, Chris & Lynne Tomasello, Vice Supreme Master Andrew & Maria Lipenta, and Paul & Betty Ann Pinkman, we hope that each of you have a safe summer and continue to promote the 4th Degree to step up to earn the title of Sir Knight, the true Knighting Degree.

VIVAT JESUS!

[Paul Pinkman](#) Master, First New Jersey District

Community Programs

Brother Knights,

I hope you and your families are safe and well.

My congratulations to newly elected and re-elected Grand Knights. We begin the fraternal year in unprecedented times, but we still have our work to do. I encourage everyone and their councils to follow our Order's current theme of "Leave No Neighbor Behind". Brothers, now is the time to put your Faith into Action.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the work and efforts of our past immediate Community Program Director, Brother George French, FDD. Brother George moved on to his eternal rest with our Lord on May 20, 2020. Rest in peace my friend.

I encourage each of you to review the GK Manual and notice the many different programs for Community in Faith in Action. While the summer months are approaching, now is the time to start planning for the programs you are going to be involved in.

Also, each council should have a Community Director. The Community Director should be made aware of all the programs that are part of Faith in Action.

A couple of programs I would like to point out are some of our public service awards, including Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT / Emergency Care Awards. Brothers, now is the time to recognize those individuals who have done so much for us during these times. If you have a submission, please take the time to recognize him/her. Please fill out the information and submit it to the State Program chairperson Edgar Troche, et0860@hotmail.com. Everything can be found in the Grand Knight manual and your directory.

Also, we have our annual Soccer Challenge coming up this fall. Please prepare now as September will be here before you know it!

I thank you all for your service to our Order and I look forward to working with you this fraternal year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me or to any of the program chairmen. Fraternally,

Rob Wright, FDD

NJ State Community Director

Faith Programs

Worthy Brothers,

Our goal is to strengthen our families in the Faith. When we entered the Order, we were reminded to constantly inform ourselves in the Catholic Faith. This formation goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and His son Jesus Christ.

The Spiritual Reflection Program is where many young people can attest that religious retreats are radically rejuvenating spiritual events that often leave a lasting impact on participants relationship to their faith. Your council could hold a retreat for members and their entire families. You can also join with other councils to hold a group retreat.

A Holy Hour Program is also a Faith Program that is a wonderful recruiting opportunity and a time for non-members to see firsthand how central a role Faith plays in the lives of our Knights of Columbus brothers. Councils should organize Holy Hours at least four times a year.

The next Faith Program is the Sacramental Gifts Program where Knights of Columbus members will be present in a tangible and meaningful way regardless of who else is there. The most important events in the life of the domestic church: the sacraments are some of the holiest moments in our lives. Councils can play an integral role in these important spiritual events by supporting families and the whole parish community through prayers and the presentation of symbolic gifts. Becoming more integrated with parish life means that family and child should know that the Knights of Columbus will always be present in a tangible and meaningful way regardless of who else is there.

For these and many other Faith Programs please refer to your Grand Knights handbook to obtain additional and continuing information.

VIVAT JESUS!

Robert Lynch, FDD

Faith Director

"I have great respect for Catholic traditions: my family is Catholic, and it's part of my life."

RETENTION

INSURANCE MATTERS

Brothers All,

Imagine you're trying to fill a bucket with water. Every drop you put in should increase its contents, but if there's a leak then you may end up losing more water than you gain. Think of the membership in your council in the same way – every new Knight you add won't help your membership increase and grow stronger if you lose existing members.

The growth of the Knights of Columbus depends not only on recruiting new members, but also on retaining current ones. We often state that Retention begins when a man takes his degree, joins the Order and ends at his Wake Service. What happens in between is up to you. No statement could be truer. Use the Member Interest Survey to find out the interests of new members. Giving a new Knight responsibilities and assigning him to program committees helps him feel that he is an important part of the council. Also distribute the survey to your members to give them the opportunity to list their preferences for possible committee assignments and indicate the areas that they find exciting, challenging and promising. There is also space for members to express their thoughts on how to improve existing programs. Ask them to also list new programs they think the council should conduct. Make them feel part of the council and that their opinions matter.

Establish a retention committee to examine reasons why Knights become inactive and let their membership lapse. This committee plans programs to conserve the council's membership and anticipate and solve problems that may cause membership suspensions. The deputy grand knight should be named to the position of retention chairman and his committee be composed of the council's trustees. After discovering problems, the committee should work with council officers to remedy them.

Unfortunately, I am limited on space as there is so much information available on what you need to do and how you need to do it. So please visit the link below <https://www.kofc.org/en/members/membership/member-retention/index.html#/>

And, as always if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to either contact your Diocesan Chairman or me. Our contact information is listed in the State Directory.

Retention Never Sleeps

Vivat Jesus

John R. Malinowski, FDD
State Retention Director

If Our Wives Knew, What the Widow Knows

In my 18 + years as a Field Agent and General Agent for the Order, no widow has ever told me, "Take some of this money back, I don't need it". No widow has ever said, "This is too much". No widow has ever refused the check we bring her. I have had many widows say to me, "I wish he had more insurance".

Ask yourself this. WILL YOUR WIDOW BE HAPPY WITH YOU OR DISAPPOINTED IN THE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE YOU HAVE WHEN YOU DIE???

During this pandemic, your Knights of Columbus Field Insurance Agents have done more death claims than in any previous quarter of any year. 75% of the time we are paying the claim on a member/male member of the household. As I am writing this, on June 21st, over 255 members have died since April 15th in New Jersey, (over 1300 total deaths of members in New Jersey this Columbian year). That's about 25% increase over how many members died in the same period last year. That's a lot of widows and children of members that we have been helping.

There was a study done, more recently, that said that inquiries about insurance have gone up 800% since the virus affected the United States. So many people have seen friends, neighbors and relatives succumb to the illness, whether healthy or with underlying issues, that they have questioned their own mortality.

They want to know, what will happen to my family, if something happens to me? Will my wife be able to get by, with one less social security check coming in? Do I have enough insurance to pay off my bills and final expenses if I die?

Other questions to ask yourself:

Is there enough to have my family stay in our home & for how long? Could my kids still go to college? Will my wife need to work two jobs to make ends meet? Or will she need to sell the house and move into an apartment or move in with relatives?

You know who gets the death proceeds if you die, have you thought about what that money would cover? How long it would last based on your current household expenses?

Let me ask you one last question. If something were to happen to you suddenly, and you want your family to be financially independent, how much additional life insurance would you want to have? Where would that money go? To pay for what? Life insurance, it really should be called Love insurance, because it takes care of the ones you love.

Your Knights of Columbus agent can meet with you online or over the phone to help you answer questions like these and so many more. That's who we are and what we do. Protecting Catholic Families Since 1882.

Vivat Jesus

[Charles Miraglia](#), General Agent

SQUIRES CIRCLE

Welcome to Summer.

Greetings Brothers,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Tom Rohe PGK and I am the new Director for the New Jersey State Squires. I have been involved with the Squires program for 12 years first as a counselor, then as a State Committee Chairman. I have been assisting Brother Pete Briody for most of those years. He has been an outstanding leader to the boys and a mentor and friend to me. I look forward to continuing to provide service to our youth and expanding our programs.

We held our elections and this year's State Officers are:

State Chief Squire: Charlie Wycoff circle 5177
State Deputy Chief Squire: Riley Maldonado circle 5177

State Notary Squire: James Phillips circle 5177
State Bursar Squire: Nick Furnari circle 5177
State Sentry Squire: James Klekner circle 2192
State Marshall Squire: Cody Ryerson circle 5177
Father Pryor: Father Ernie Rush

We wish this year's officers the absolute best of luck, and we're sure they will have an outstanding term.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, most of our circle's and programs have slowed dramatically, but there is good news on the horizon. With the advent of our State opening up we are hoping to jump start our circles. A good way is through fun events; for example our Budd Lake circle is planning on a rafting trip later this summer.

I can be reached at nisquires@gmail.com, or trohekofo@gmail.com or 973-479-5067 God

Bless and thank you for all your support.

Esto-Dignus- Be worthy

Tom Rohe



A HISTORICAL LOOK BACK

Why in 1895 did the Knights of Columbus take root in New Jersey? And why was the first Council founded in Jersey City?

Because of its proximity to Manhattan, New Jersey shared similar experiences with its neighbor. While the Connecticut Puritans followed Reverend Abraham Pierson in 1666 through the Long Island Sound, around Manhattan Island, into Newark Bay to a settlement along the Passaic River which they called Newark, the peninsular, Paulus Hook, the future location of Jersey City, had already been settled by the Dutch in 1630, only to be postponed 30 years before a more permanent colony was formed because of unfriendly Indians. Since New Amsterdam was thriving under the Dutch Governorships of Peter Minuet, William Kieft, and Peter Stuyvesant, an overflow community in Communipaw on the Jersey Shore, known as the Village of Bergen, attracted many urbanites eager to escape "city" life. They were the pioneers of Jersey City. {Within the stockade were the little clay and straw and sometimes stone homes of the early Dutch settlers. The oldest was the Sip Homestead, which stood at the southeast corner of Bergen Ave and Newkirk St. A tablet on the side wall of the building which now covers the site tells passersby that it was the "First Dutch House in Old Bergen!" It stood at that location from 1664 to 1924, when it was put up for sale by Richard Garrett Sip, the last of the family to occupy it.} (From the History of Jersey City by J. Owen Grundy, Jersey City Chamber of Commerce 1976)

After the American Revolution, Alexander Hamilton predicted that the future of the United States centered around industrial expansion and foreign trade. To this end, he conceived a Federalist project and drafted a charter for "The Associates of Jersey Company" in 1804, to "find a new metropolis on the west bank of the Hudson". His untimely death in a duel with Aaron Burr did not prevent others from following through with the plan. Colonel Richard Varick, former Mayor of New York; Anthony Dey, attorney and successful real estate owner; and Jacob Radcliff, Justice of the New York Supreme Court, founded the Town of Jersey, which was later recognized as a municipality in 1820. Because of its proximity to New York, Jersey City was the ideal connection. Many New Yorkers chose to buy lots and build homes on the west bank, and, after 1834 when night ferry service was established between Manhattan and Jersey City, land values and population grew. And the demand for greater mobility encouraged the railroads to expand.

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A HISTORICAL LOOK BACK

Much of the marsh land along the shoreline would be prepared for track work as barges of garbage from New York City arrived daily to cover the low land in Harsimus and Communipaw Coves. And cheap laborers were needed to lay the rails. Driven from their land because of the Potato Famine of 1846, the Irish welcomed the opportunity as newly arrived immigrants to this strange land. As the railroads blossomed, businessmen recognized Hamilton's vision as an ideal place for industry. Colgate & Co., the Great Atlantic & Pacific tea Co., Lorillard Tobacco Co., American Sugar Refining Co., Ames Spike and Bolt Works, Dixon Crucible Co. set up headquarters within the boundaries of Jersey City. With even greater need for both skilled and unskilled workers, the Irish Catholic community planted a lasting influence on the politics, culture, and outlook of Jersey City. Yet, they were a despised race. Disease, course, "looking almost like skeletons", they faced greater prejudice than other groups. Still they competed for space in America. They "found their Catholic Churches to be magnets and they became part of a new power base in the cities." "In Newark, Jersey City, Hoboken and Paterson, they began as a laboring element in the factories, but before long had acquired control of the building trades. To new Jersey, they brought a volatility unknown to the established nationalities. The Irish formed the backbone of political organizations the seldom supported measures of vital concern to the working man.

From 1865 to 1900, no fewer than 13 1/2 million foreigners entered the United States. The pace that they arrived was even greater after the turn of the century when almost 9 million immigrants passed through the ports of entry. The total population of the United States at the close of the Civil War was a little more than 30 million. By 1882 twenty-seven percent of the incoming population was Irish. Besides the Irish, the Catholic population comprised many German immigrants who found a home in the north eastern section of the U.S.A. A very high proportion of the immigrants were Roman Catholics. Almost all of the Irish and a majority of the Germans were of the Faith, and together they formed the bulk of the waves of immigration up to 1890.

Immigration of this magnitude could only be compared to migrations of Europe in the 5th and 6th centuries, which overwhelmed the Roman Empire. From those that were native born, this influx of foreigners only triggered fears of cultural, social, political and economic upheaval. The many forms of European customs and patterns of behavior added to the confusion of the status quo. Political bosses were quick to control the immigrant vote leading to Tammany Halls in many urban communities. With cheap labor, the barons of industry depressed wages to their own advance. Besides having an unsettling effect on society, the wave of immigrants also effected the Catholic Church. It was claimed that over 10 million immigrants were being neglected by the local parishes.

St Raphael's Society for the Care of German Catholic Emigrants was promoted in 1883 by a newly arrived German merchant, Peter Paul Cahensly, who "played on fears that atheists, infidels, and Protestants would lure neglected Catholics from the faith." From Switzerland in 1890, the society created the Lucerne Memorial and presented it to Pope Leo XII for approval. "The appeal asked that wherever possible, Catholics of each nationality have in the episcopate of the country where they immigrate several Bishops who are of the same origin. Although the Pope did not approve of the Memorial, Cahensly's scheme started to spread throughout the Catholic Church. In the Newark Diocese, Bishop Winand Wigger, who was of German descent, "became President of the St Raphael Society in New York and expressed some interest in Cahensly's suggestions to create nationality groups. When the German Priests organized a *Priester-Verein* and met in Newark, they did so with Wigger's blessing. The other Bishops of the American hierarchy meanwhile came out in strong opposition to Cahensly's scheme. Bishop Wigger soon disassociated himself with the society, but not without causing some resentment within the Diocese. Rev Patrick Corrigan, Pastor of our Lady of Grace in Hoboken, had become an outspoken critic of the Bishop and "decried the establishment of separate German Parishes, and impugned the wisdom of appointing a German as Bishop of Newark.

Against this backdrop, the climate was right to form a lay organization for Irish Catholics. When Thomas Cummings spoke about the Knights of Columbus and the success of Columbianism in Connecticut and New York, he received a ready audience. He perceived that "the Irish, as a group, were known for their devotion to the faith, support of Church building, and as Carl Wittke said, 'their trust in the Priest's authority was unlimited', it was not unusual for the territorial parish to be called the 'Irish Church' in distinction from the language Parishes. In his zeal as National Organizer, he had visited many communities on the East Coast. His success in New York City was mercurial, now he would advance to its neighbor.

(Editor's note ~ You may have recognized the name of Bishop Wigger as a Council in Irvington is named after him.)
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MILESTONES



*Celebrating
Anniversaries
this Month*



State Deputy Vincent Tavormina, along with the entire NJ State Council and the Newsletter Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish **ALL** councils best wishes on their **Charter Anniversary**.

May your council continue to grow and do good deeds for many more years to come! Let's continue to grow our Order, expand our programs and continue being "**Patriots Protecting all God's Children**"

<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>CHARTER DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
<u>1432</u>	<u>Somerville</u>	<u>Somerville</u>	<u>7/4/1909</u>	<u>111</u>
<u>1994</u>	<u>Msgr C G McCorristin</u>	<u>Woodbury</u>	<u>7/6/1919</u>	<u>101</u>
<u>783</u>	<u>Summit</u>	<u>Berkeley Hts</u>	<u>7/8/1903</u>	<u>117</u>
<u>240</u>	<u>Paterson</u>	<u>Paterson</u>	<u>7/11/1897</u>	<u>123</u>
<u>15540</u>	<u>Bishop Edward Hughes</u>	<u>Three Bridges</u>	<u>7/11/2012</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>1910</u>	<u>Liberty</u>	<u>Bridgeton</u>	<u>7/14/1918</u>	<u>102</u>
<u>1146</u>	<u>Rahway</u>	<u>Rahway</u>	<u>7/15/1906</u>	<u>114</u>
<u>3231</u>	<u>Rev John F Welsh</u>	<u>Manasquan</u>	<u>7/15/1949</u>	<u>71</u>
<u>359</u>	<u>George Washington</u>	<u>Morristown</u>	<u>7/18/1898</u>	<u>122</u>
<u>6100</u>	<u>Fr Joseph A Cassidy</u>	<u>Budd Lake</u>	<u>7/18/1968</u>	<u>52</u>
<u>1984</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>Palmyra</u>	<u>7/19/1919</u>	<u>101</u>
<u>1436</u>	<u>St John Neumann</u>	<u>Riverside</u>	<u>7/25/1909</u>	<u>111</u>
<u>14615</u>	<u>St Theresa</u>	<u>Little Egg Harbor</u>	<u>7/28/2008</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>5170</u>	<u>St Joseph's</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>7/30/1961</u>	<u>59</u>

Happy Anniversary

[NOTE: Due to the large number of anniversaries in certain months, we may have to limit the publishing list to the names of councils celebrating their **25th**, **50th**, **75th** and **100th** Anniversary in some months. When there is adequate space for more, we will include all Councils]

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