



New York State Council Knights of Columbus



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*The
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of
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Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

As we find ourselves in the midst of the Lenten Season our community is very concerned (and some fearful of the virus that is being suffered by many). I have found this somewhat perplexing. We are seeking remedies as we should. We are taking precautions as we should. And we are curtailing some of our activities which we enjoy which as we should. There is a Scriptural text which we should reference particularly now: Fear not him who can kill the body, rather fear him who can kill the spirit. How committed are we to prevent the latter. We are stocking up on Purell, wiping our door knobs, and making sure we have tissues at the ready. But are we also caring about protecting our eternity? We live in a society that has a virus. It is far more destructive than that which comes from another human being. It is the virus of sin and this is the season given to us by Christ and His Church to control it and eradicate it in our lives.

We are told that viral infections spread. It is true. All too often we act in such a way that we spread sin. Its virus can be seen when we use inappropriate language or curse. Our young people have caught this virus. Their vocabulary contains words that my mother would have washed our mouths out with soap. Where did they get this? We have the virus of apathy when we encounter the homeless, hear of the millions of children lost to the future through abortion, and ignore the cries of the abandoned elderly who raised us up and fought for our safety and prosperity when facing the threat of physician assisted suicide.

This time of year is not just a preparation for Easter as if we can overcome any virus by just pretending it's not there. We must embark upon a spiritual strategy to defeat the virus developed in the bowels of hell. We must reject the temptations of Satan as Jesus did. We must be people of prayer. Reflect upon the Cross. Seek out the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Remember Saints Joseph, Patrick, Augustine, Newman, More, Romero, and so many more courageous men who took up their crosses. Men who led their families through their faithful example. Their passion we remember and must imitate. That is the Challenge of our Baptism; that is the Challenge of our Order,

That is the Challenge of our Church.

I know that we will be victorious over this viral crisis which effects our bodily health but what about in one that effects our eternal life.

Vivat Jesus,

Father Brian E. McWeeney
Administrative State Chaplain



Fr. Brian McWeeney
Sr. Associate
State Chaplain

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As of Friday October 4, 2019

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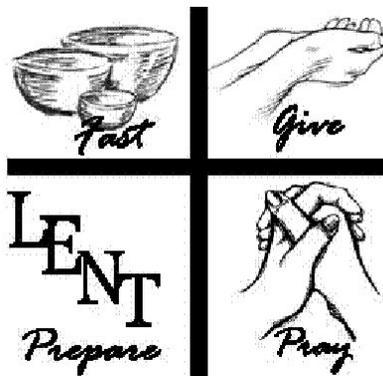
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Walter J. Wych
STATE DEPUTY

From the Desk of our State Deputy

My Brothers and Sisters in Columbianism,

We are again changing seasons. Whatever snow which had fallen (much more up north than the Hudson Valley) is gone, and we look to the refreshing air of Spring.

More importantly, we enter the season of preparation of Lent, and look to the holy time of the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord. It is difficult to comprehend the complexities of what occurred in that Holy Week. It is even more important that we properly prepare ourselves, emotionally and spiritually, to experience this great event.

Our annual gathering at the convention is only two months away. This celebration will be the 125th annual convention for your New York State Council. The First Lady with her Staff have planned some new activities to improve the value of the gathering for those ladies who will be attending. For our brother knights, the focus will be on better communication regarding the State Council. Each of you knights are part of this council, and need to understand the actions of the council. Too often the meetings become secondary, due to length of the presentations. This year the hope is to increase the value of the reports. We will have a guest speaker who will provide insight as to how our charitable giving makes a difference.

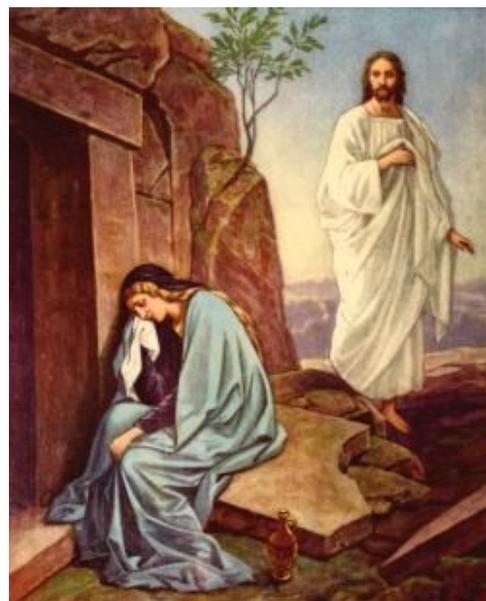
Please be sure that your council is prepared to fully participate in the convention. The Convention Journal has been separated from the Convention Reports Book. This way there can be greater distribution of the Journal. Also the prices for the ads have been reduced, so as to provide greater opportunity for participation by all councils and businesses in the state. Please support this important aspect of the convention.

I look forward to seeing you on April 23 at the Villa Roma.

Dee and I wish you and your families a very Blessed Easter.

Vivat Jesus!

Wally Wych





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Worthy Brothers,

Whenever you are chosen and accept an assignment, it means you now must divide your time, thoughts and talents to yet another project. You can either bemoan the situation or look at it as another opportunity for yourself. In accepting the state chairmanship of the Essays/Posters Contest I found that not only was it an opportunity for me, but a privilege. I discovered that there is a riches of artistic and literary talent among our youth; as well as the hunger they have to serve and enrich the lives of others.

As Posters/Essays Chairman, I am the final destination before both essays and posters go onto Supreme. E & P's go from Councils, where each one is judged, to the Chapters (District/Regional level). I receive the best from each group/category. I use several judges and then forward to best to Supreme.

For the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, "***Charity as a Virtue***" the entries forwarded to Supreme were:

<u>GROUP/GRADE</u>	<u>CONTESTANT</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
8th	William Pilecki	Uniondale	#5033
9th	Amelia Cleveland	Honeoye Falls	#6652
10th	Micah J. Torp	Rochester	#6652
11th	Isaiah Monte	Henrietta	#6652
12th	Jennifer Hidalgo	Ossining	#4012

For the "***Keep Christ in Christmas***" Poster Contest, the entries forwarded to Supreme were:

<u>AGE / DIVISION</u>	<u>CONTESTANT</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
5-7 Gr K-2	Keara Holian	Uniondale	#5033
8-10 Gr 3-5	Cheyenne Walseman	Castorland	# 291
11-14 Gr 6-8	Kenley Sloan	Carthage	# 291

Congratulations, not only from myself, but from the entire New York State Council to the winners and all those boys and girls who took the time to compete. Job well done!!

Jack L Bridwell, PGK
State Chairman Poster and Essay Contest

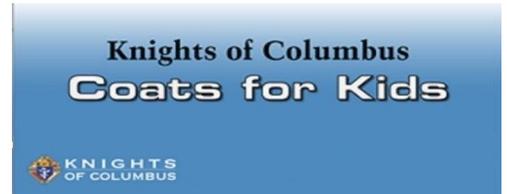


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My Brothers in Columbianism

Congratulations New York State Capital Conference for their participation in the Coats for Kid Program, to date they have purchased 23 cases of coats. Great Job. There are several other councils doing drives in the months of February and March for their parish Outreach to give out the coats to the children in the community.



John Mastrosimone PGK PFN FDD FCOB Past Conf. Chmn.
Administrative State Chairman for Community Programs.



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HATS FOR VETERANS



Members of Rev. Capt. L. M. Barry Assembly #0725 Endicott, NY consisting of Vestal Council #4746, Rev. Msgr. Leonard B. Fries Endicott Council #1839, and Most Holy Rosary Maine Council #11621 presented over 135 hats to Service Veterans in residence at the New York State Oxford Veterans Home in Oxford, NY, February 19, 2020. Pictured are Faithful Navigator Bob Krempa, Carl Janis, Charlie DeGregorio, Don Toner, Jim McMann (resident), Walt Loveless, Tom Boslet, and Frank Sales.

If there any questions, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

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Ultrasound Report

The following Chart shows the Status of Completed, Pending and Approved NY State Ultrasound Initiatives provide by Worthy Supreme Life Programs Director, Drew Dillingham, with review and some editing by NY State Ultrasound Chairman, Ed McKenna.

NY State Ultrasounds: 7/1/2019 to 2/12/2020						
Applications Approved by the Board						
<i>Date Approved</i>	<i>Council #</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Council City</i>	<i>Pregnancy Center</i>	<i>Center City</i>	<i>Supreme Funding</i>
7/1/19	3892	Our Lady of the Cenacle Council	Greece	CompassCare Pregnancy H	Rochester	\$ 10,661.00
7/1/19	11621	Most Holy Rosary Council	Maine	Pregnancy Resource Cente	Vestal	\$ 6,000.00
8/2/19	98031	Westchester/Putnam Chapter	Westchester	EMC Frontline Pregnancy C	Bronx	\$ 24,981.00
11/13/19	11374	St. Marks/Star of the Sea	Rochester	Focus Pregnancy Help	Rochester	\$ 32,900.00
12/17/19		New York State Council	Westchester	EMC – Frontline Pregnancy	White Plains	\$ 19,700.00
Applications Pending Approval by the Board						
<i>Date Approved</i>	<i>Council #</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Council City</i>	<i>Pregnancy Center</i>	<i>Center City</i>	<i>Funding from Supr</i>
Pending	98031	Westchester/Putnam Chapter	Westchester	EMC Frontline Pregnancy C	Queens	\$ 24,981.00
Diocesan Evaluation Complete, Fundraising in Process						
<i>Date Approved</i>	<i>Council #</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>Council City</i>	<i>Pregnancy Center</i>	<i>Center City</i>	
10/28/19	316	Hudson Council	Hudson	Alight Care Center	Catskill	

At least 1 Council is working on fundraising for a Mobile Unit.

Supreme has added a 4th Vendor (Merry X-Ray Corporation) to its approved list of Ultrasound machine providers. Their 2D Ultrasound Machine lists for under \$10K, which significantly reduces the fundraising necessary to complete an Ultrasound Initiative. For the Approved Price Listing, please email me.

In the remaining 4 months of this Columbian Year, I will be working with Auxiliary Ultrasound Chairman throughout NY to continue the deployment of these life-supporting machines.

For any questions, comments or late breaking news please advise: KofCNY4Life@gmail.com
Please pray for the Unborn, and for everyone working to support their Right to Life!

Vivat Jesus!
Ed McKenna



News From Around The State

Catholic School/CCD Matching Fund Program

Worthy Brothers,

I wish to thank all the Councils that participated in the Catholic School/CCD Matching Fund program this Fraternal Year.

While we did not spend all the money that the State Deputy had available, your support of the program resulted in many Catholic Schools and some CCD programs receiving additional funds that helps them further Catholic Education for our children.

As a reminder, the program has a shorter window than some. Entries can be sent in as soon as the new Fraternal Year begins and are normally taken through December. Forms are on the State Website.

Start planning now to ensure that your Council will meet its C & B requirements in order to participate.

Fraternally,

Emory Taylor

Chairman State Catholic School/CCD Matching Fund Program




**PAST GRAND KNIGHTS ASSOCIATION
OF
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL 11449**

CHARTER GRAND KNIGHT DAVID J. CRUM
(1994-1997, FDD)

WILLIAM J. PORZELT(1997-1999)
FRANK SINNONA(1999-2001)
MARIO N. MASSA(2001-2003, FN)
CHARLES MCCARTNEY(2003-2005)
JEAN-PIERRE SEON(2005-2006)
BARRY FERGUSON(2006-2009)
JOSEPH MARINO (2009-2011, FDD, FN)
GUILLERMO MORERA(2011-2013)
JOHN J. O'CONNELL, JR.(2013-2015)
PATRICK McNALLY(2015-2017)
ANDREW DAVINO(2017-2020)



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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL
#11449

25TH ANNIVERSARY
DEC. 8TH 1994 - DEC. 8TH 2019

25TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
FRIDAY, JAN. 17TH, 2020
7PM - 12 MIDNIGHT
RICARDO'S BY THE BRIDGE
ASTORIA, NY



Charter Members of
Immaculate Conception
Council 11449



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

PROGRAM

Rev. Msgr. Charles P. Boccio	Anthony Meloni	Master of Ceremony..... Barry Ferguson, PGK
Rev. James W. Bukofsky*	Charles Messina*	Welcome and Opening Remarks..... Barry Ferguson, PGK
Rev. Mattias A. Bura	George A. Napolitano*	Invocation..... Rev. Msgr. Fernando Ferrarese, Pastor & Chaplain of 11449
Frank Boylan*	James G. Papadimitriou*	Salute to the Flag..... New York State Deputy Walter Wych
Edward S. Brann	Gerald A. Pascarelli	Welcome..... Grand Knight Andy Davino
David J. Crum	Michael Pasquale*	Remarks..... Charter Grand Knight Dave Crum
Philip Curto	William A. Porzelt, Jr.	Congratulatory Message..... Founder and Charter Chaplain Msgr. Charles Patrick Boccio
Librardo J. Duran*	John J. Racioppo*	Remarks..... New York State Deputy Walter Wych
Arnaldo Fiorentino*	Lindy A. Russo	Announcement of Raffles
Bruce L. Frank	William L. Siletti	DINNER
Joseph P. Gucci	Frank J. Sinnona	Presentations..... Barry Ferguson, PGK
Michael A. Heredia	Cornelius F. Spillane*	➤ Presentation of Squire Circle 4411 Dignitaries
Steven C. Hodak	Savior Spiteri	➤ Presentation of Knights of Columbus Council 11449 Charter Members
Thomas A. Jarnich*	Vincert P. Tabone	➤ Presentation of Knights of Columbus Council 11449 Past Grand Knights
Luis Jimenez	John F. Tonkin	Presentation of Plaque..... Rev. Msgr. Fernando Ferrarese
Fred Kamintzky	Robert A. Traugott*	RAFFLE DRAWS
Peter Kelly*	William F. Vokurka*	Dessert
Donald A. Klick*	Steven R. Wilhelm	Closing Remarks..... Barry Ferguson, PGK
Brendan F. Lyons*	Victor R. Willett	
William F. Martin	Gary S. Wozniak*	
Edward G. McAniff*		

*Indicates Deceased





News From Around The State

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Columbianism,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended the annual **Pro-Life Mass** at St. Patrick's Cathedral on January 19, 2020. Once again, the Knights of Columbus, Sister Columbiettes, friends and family filled the Cathedral to capacity to celebrate the gift of life from the moment of conception to natural death. It was a powerful reminder that life is God's first gift to all of us.

One week later, on January 25, 2020, Brooklyn's **Pro-Vita Mass** was celebrated at St. James Cathedral, during which we honored Lexington Council #293 (Kings County) and Monsignor Francis J. Dillon Council #5872 (Queens County) for their untiring support for our pro-life efforts, especially in the program to purchase ultrasound machines. The "Father Michael J. McGivney Medal for Life" was awarded to Reverend Father Manuel De Jesus Rodriguez for his many efforts in the pro-life movement in the diocese of Brooklyn.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended and participated in making these masses so successful. We are grateful!

Lent 2020 is here! As we together prepare over the 40 days that leads us to the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter, let us remember that we are called to almsgiving and works of charity. Please consider our program "**40 Days of Cans for 40 Days of Lent**" and consider implementing it in your parish; all collected donations of cans of food should be donated to a local food pantry or soup kitchen.

A friendly reminder -- our next day of pilgrimage is scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2020. - Please consider joining all of us on our **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Island** - (258 East Port Manor Road, Manorville, NY 11949)
The day will start with a Rosary at 10:00AM, followed by mass at 11:30AM.

Any Council, Assembly, or Chapter that would like to make a direct donation to the Shrine will be able to do so that day. All checks should be made out to "Our Lady of the Island Shrine."

For more information, please reach out to Brother Anthony Ippolito (516-707-4061, ip-polito_Anthony@yahoo.com) for Nassau, or Brother William P. Murphy (631-629-4383, wpmurphy64@gmail.com) for Suffolk.

Finally, we will soon be sharing details for the statewide **Marian Hour of Prayer**, this year again dedicated to Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. We welcome your assistance in setting this evening up in your local Conference areas.

Brothers and Sisters, every time that we gather in the name of Jesus on these days of recollection we are literally "building the domestic church." Together, you and I can build that church...one shrine at a time, and one rosary at a time!

Vivat Jesus!

Louis Pepe
Administrative State Chair, Faith Programs



State Membership Report

My Brother Knights of New York State,

As we get ready for warmer temperatures to arrive, all councils should be preparing for our Spring Delta Parish Membership Drives. As Founders day falls on a Sunday this year, what a perfect weekend to plan to host a Parish Membership Drive to celebrate the 138th birthday of our beloved Order and invite every eligible Catholic man to become a part of our good works and join us in making a positive difference in our parishes, communities, and councils. As we have had some considerable success in recruitment this fraternal year, through both the e-membership platform and traditional recruitment tactics, all our councils must focus on recruitment to expand our services to meet our growing needs and achieve our goals. So let's update our council brochures, order our Parish drive kits, plan open houses, and showcase our new Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity for all to witness while promoting that we are a family organization committed to being "The Right Arm of the Church".

Let us keep in mind, as our order has made some significant changes in the past few years, our mission has not and will not change, as we persevere to fulfill the vision of our founder, Venerable servant of God, Father Michael McGivney. I am awe inspired by all the dedicated members I have had the pleasure of meeting and working beside while in the position as your Membership Director. Witnessing the unconditional devotion and efforts of our membership into making the New York State council, our districts, and councils the best they can be is genuinely inspiring, it is an honor and privilege to serve with all of you.

All of us on the membership team are here to assist you achieve your recruitment goals and look forward to your success. I would like to recognize the below councils on meeting or exceeding their council's recruitment goals for the 2019-2020 Fraternal year as of February 17th, 2020, great job!

- District 1 Council #7423** – 116.7% to goal achieved
- District 6 Council #13588** – 133.3% to goal achieved
- District 12 Council #16261** – 140% to goal achieved
- District 16 Council #9666** – 375% to goal achieved
- District 21 Council #5962** – 216.7% to goal achieved
- District 27 Council #14520** – 171.4% to goal achieved
- District 34 Council #5977** – 125% to goal achieved
- District 36 Council #6134** – 140% to goal achieved
- District 38 Council #351** – 100% to goal achieved
- District 49 Council #6205** – 125% to goal achieved
- District 50 Council #16838** – 120% to goal achieved
- District 52 Council #545** – 125% to goal achieved
- District 55 Council #14560** – 100% to goal achieved
- District 60 Council #16334** – 100% to goal achieved
- District 61 Council #7460** – 142.9% to goal achieved
- District 82 Council #5398** – 100% to goal achieved
- District 92 Council #15917** – 100% to goal achieved
- District 93 Council #17086** 250% to goal achieved
- District 94 Council #14336** – 300% to goal achieved

Fraternally,

SK Thomas M. Moran PGK FDD FCOB
State Membership Director



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New York State Council



State Finals
**FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHI**

New York State Council
Knights of Columbus
Basketball Free Throw Championships
State Finals

Hosted By
Msgr. O'Keefe Council #8250
West Point, NY

Sunday April 19, 2020

Being Held At

USMAPS / Preparatory School
950 Reynolds Road
West Point, NY 10996

Doors Open at 12:00 noon
Competition Starts at 1:00 p.m.



External Fundraising Events

New York State Councils has very exciting fundraising events that have been scheduled and planned for the rest of our Columbian Year for 2019-2020.

Our New York Councils had a fundraiser for the Catholic Foundation for [the Diocese of Brooklyn Mother Cabrini Statue Fund](#) during the Brooklyn Nets game February 3, 2020. Unfortunately, only purchased 50 and sold 48. So, we lost all of our publicity except the High Fives for children. The reason that we lost all the publicity is because we didn't sell our quota (200 tickets). So, our 4th Degree didn't present the Colors, there wasn't a check presentation at center court and our State Deputy didn't have the interview during halftime with the Brooklyn Nets announcers on the WFAN about the Knights of Columbus. Thank you all who did purchased tickets and made it possible to make a donation to the Brooklyn Diocese Mother Cabrini Statue Fund.

On February 9, 2020, Our New York State Council held a fundraiser for Autism at a NY Ranger game at Madison Square Garden. *The NY Rangers limited these tickets to us so, we were only able to purchase 59 tickets. We did sell out and \$15 from each ticket sold will be donated to Autism Speaks.*

A fundraiser for Catholic Education will be held at the [New York Mets](#) game on Friday night May 15, 2020 at Citi-Field. The Mets will be playing the Pittsburgh Pirates and the first 25,000 fans to enter the game will receive a Noah Syndergaard Jersey. Also, the New York Mets will be presenting their Spirit Award to the New York State Council for all the charity work being done by our members all over New York State. Also, there will be a PSA about the Knights of Columbus. Our 4th Degree will be presenting the Colors during the National Anthem. This year there is something new: anyone that purchased a ticket from the NYS Knights of Columbus can come onto the field for the Warning Track Salute during the [National Anthem](#).

External Fundraising is an excellent vehicle to let the public know the charity work that the members of our NYS State Councils do for charity, the 1st principle of our Order. Therefore, it's important that we try to get as much publicity as possible: i.e. the 4th Degree presenting the Colors, check presentation on the big boards at the games, etc. These things make the Knights of Columbus more visible to everyone attending these events, sparking curiosity and possible future memberships and involvement.

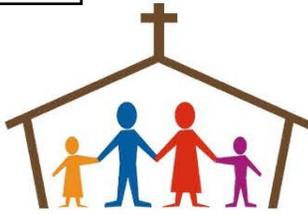
We have scheduled a New York Yankee game in August that is being worked on at the present time for our 2020-2021 Columbian Year.

Thank you for all of your support to these important fundraisers that New York State Council does for all the charity work that all our members do and have accomplished.

Rocco F. D'Erasmio,
Administrative State Chairman, External Fundraising



Family Activities



Michael P. Flanagan
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Brothers;

Has your council invited families to Consecrate themselves to The Holy Family yet? If not I ask you why hasn't your council run this very important and simple program? In this consecration families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. For all those who participate in this consecration they will receive a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment from an individual do to sin. If one were to die after receiving such an indulgence they would go directly to heaven without going to purgatory.

To participate in this program is very simple and really not a lot of work, council needs to order the following materials from the Supreme web site: 10371 Holy Family Prayer cards; 10663 Poster that announces when the event will be held; 10666 Preparation Sheet and 10665 Guide Sheet. The council should order enough prayer cards so that there is at least 1 for every family in the parish, a enough posters to cover all entrances to the church and enough guides and preparation sheets for your committee running the event. The council will need to get the permission and cooperation of the pastor to set up a date and run the program. **All materials are free from supreme!**

To participate in the consecration families will need to do the following: Say the consecration prayer and other prayers every day for at least 1 week prior to the consecration. If families could say the rosary then conclude with the consecration prayer this would be excellent. Families should fast, for 1 week, from something every day ahead of the consecration. This fast could be from either some type of food or activity that is enjoyed. Those of age will need to go to confession prior to the consecration in order to receive the plenary indulgence. On the day of the consecration show up to Mass and pray the prayer with the members of the congregation lead by the celebrant. Prayer cards should be distributed in all pews the week prior to the consecration and more should be available the day of.

It is important that your pastor be involved with the program and be willing to make/allow an announcement from the pulpit the week prior to the consecration. On the weekend of the consecration it would be nice if the celebrant lead the parish in saying the pray at all Masses. This program can be run outside of mass but to get the maximum participation it is recommended to run it in conjunction with all Masses. It is also beneficial to run an article in the parish bulletin for a couple of weeks prior to the consecration to alert parishioners. A sample of the article run from my parish is copied below. This program is a required program for councils to run in order to qualify for the **Columbian Award**. For more information or clarity please contact your District Deputy or me.

Consecration to the Holy Family

Once again families will be invited to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family on the weekend of January 25 and 26, at all Masses. In this consecration families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. For all those who participate in this consecration they will receive a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment from an individual do to sin. If one were to die after receiving such an indulgence they would go directly to heaven without going to purgatory. To participate in the consecration families will need to do the following: Say the consecration prayer and other prayers every day for at least 1 week prior to the consecration. If families could say the rosary then conclude with the consecration prayer this would be excellent. Families should fast, for 1 week, from something every day ahead of the consecration. This fast could be from either some type of food or activity that is enjoyed. Those of age will need to go to confession prior to the consecration in order to receive the plenary indulgence. On the day of the consecration show up to Mass and pray the prayer with the members of the congregation lead by the celebrant. Prayer cards will be distributed in all pews the week prior to the consecration and more will be available the day of. Please watch the bulletin for further updates. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 7707 Spencerport, NY.



New York State Council
Knights of Columbus

**Catholic School/Religious Education (CCD) Program
Support & Matching Funds**

Council Name:	Council Number:
Council Location:	
Grand Knight Name:	
School Name:	
School Address:	
School Contact Name:	
School Contact Phone Number:	
Amount Donated:	
Note: A copy of the cancelled check, made payable to the school, must be submitted with this form.	

State Chairman

Emory Taylor
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Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
H: 518-584-0763 C: 240-298-3111
[Email: Pgk3849@yahoo.com](mailto:Pgk3849@yahoo.com)

Mail this form to

NYS Council K of C
Catholic School Support Program
1839 Bath Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11214

Program Requirements

1. Matching Funds will be drawn from the allocated funds, until such time as the allocation is exhausted. The amount of the allocated funds will be determined by the New York State Council Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. Board of Trustees.
2. In order to participate in the program, a council must be in good standing with both the State and Supreme Councils as of December 31 of the program year.
3. Only Knights of Columbus Councils are eligible to participate. Entities, such as Chapters, Conferences, Columbiette Auxiliaries, Columbian Squire Circles and/or Assemblies, are not eligible.
4. In order to participate in the program, a council must participate in the C&B Program by either selling 200 books, or achieving their quota of 1 book for every 2 members, whichever is less.
5. Donations and Applications must occur between July 1 and December 1 of the program year.
6. A donation from the New York State Council will be made payable to the school on behalf of the council as soon as administratively possible after the C&B campaign conclusion. The donation will be made directly to the school or Religious Education Program and mailed directly to the school / Religious Education Program.
7. A copy of the council cancelled check, made payable to the school, must be submitted with the application form. If a bank no longer provides cancelled checks, a signed letter from the school / Religious Education Program, indicating the donation, date made and amount, may be provided.
8. Council donations made to a School Scholarship Fund WILL NOT be considered.
9. Once the allocated amount of matching funds has been applied for, all future received applications will be placed on a waiting list until the annual actual payout reaches the maximum allocated amount, and would be paid only if earlier submissions prove to be invalid (e.g. council not in good standing). After the allocated fund maximum has been paid, the waiting list will be cleared. Applications will not be carried over from one Columbian year to the next.
10. The minimum amount donated to be matched, is \$500 for Catholic school (Elementary or High School) and \$250 for Religious Education Program. The maximum donation to be matched is \$1000 for schools and \$500 for Religious Education Program per council. In addition, there is a maximum which any one school or Religious Education Program can receive from the campaign. That amount is \$2000 for schools and \$1000 for Religious Education Program. (For example, if three councils each contribute \$1000 to a specific school, the school would only be eligible to receive \$2000 from the matching funds.)
11. The program is administered by the Trustees of the New York State Council Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., and those Trustees are the final arbiter.



Helpful Hints for Promoting Events

John Ryan - State Chairman Public Relations Phone 518-643-9386 or email johnryan6dale@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus members often say, “No one knows what we do.” The best way to inform the general public what we do is to send a news release to publicize council activities. Almost every council has at least one member who enjoys writing. Appoint him as council publicity chairman. He can gather information on council activities and submit it to parish bulletins, local media and Catholic newspapers. Hopefully, the publicity chairman will take good photographs of council events. If he’s a writer and not a photographer, that’s a great opportunity to appoint a council photographer.

News Releases should be sent at least two weeks prior to the event. Good media outlets include:

- Monthly/Bi-Monthly council newsletters.
- Parish bulletins: (your parish and nearby parishes)
- Council and parish email notification networks.
- Regional and Community Newspapers, Cable TV Companies and Radio Stations. Be sure to include Catholic newspapers.
- Local community/business/fire department bulletin boards.
- Council, parish and community websites and Facebook pages.

Preparing News Releases:

Put the most important information in the first paragraph news release because it helps an editor to quickly decide if the article is newsworthy. It also helps readers decide if the story is relevant to their interests. Here are some tips for preparing a news release:

- Date the news release and include a contact person’s name, telephone number, email or text address.
- Include a headline for the news being submitted
- The first paragraph should include all the necessary information, referred to as the “five W’s”
 - Who
 - What
 - When
 - Where
 - And possibly Why and How.

Succeeding paragraphs can include additional details of How and Why.

Include local people’s names as much as possible. Local media like to mention names in their circulation/broadcast area and people LOVE to see their names in print.

The last paragraph could include more general information about the Knights of Columbus taken from the Supreme Council website. In other words, promote all of the K of C while you have the opportunity.

Helpful Hints for Promoting Events - Continued

Sample News Release:

Email subject: Knights of Columbus Council # xxxx Press Release - November 6, 2019

Press Release:

November 6, 2019 - For more information call Publicity Chairman John Jones at xxx-xxx-xxxx or email johnjones@

Headline: (Town) Knights of Columbus Assist Local Food Shelf

Photo Attached: L-R Knights of Columbus Council xxxx members John Jones and Peter Smith collect donations for the (Name) Food Shelf.

(Name Town) On Saturday and Sunday October 15th and 16th forty members of Knights of Columbus Council xxxx collected food donations weighing over 2,000 pounds and monetary donations totaling \$1,000 to assist the Market Street Food Shelf. The donations were collected at St. Joseph's church, St. Peter's Church and outside the xyz supermarket. Grand Knight John Jones said: "Our Council is thankful to everyone for their great generosity. The Food Shelf is in great need especially at this time of year."

This is the fifth consecutive year that the Council XXXX Knights have conducted the Knights of Columbus Food for Families Program. Over that period council members have collected 10,000 pounds of food and \$10,000 in cash donations. Hundreds of Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the U.S. participate in Food For Families. Over the past six years councils have collected over 3 million pounds of food for local food shelves.

Photo Suggestions:

Keep Your Camera Handy

Compelling photos are usually the first to catch our eye.

☆ **Action photos illustrate the activity. They are not posed.** Photos of people lined up in rows staring back at the camera are not action photos and do not depict all of the ways the Knights are active in the parish and community. Similarly, photos of check presentations may be easy to arrange but are not very imaginative. When possible, take a photograph of the program or item that the funds helped purchase: children with toys, students using new computers, Knights dishing out food, etc.

Helpful Tips

- ☆ Photograph people while they are involved in an activity. Do not stop what people are doing to set up a posed shot.
- ☆ Wear your Knights of Columbus gear! If your members have T-shirts, aprons or other items printed with the emblem of the Order, encourage them to wear these items at all of your events.
- ☆ Get close to the action. When you think you're too close, move a bit closer. People's faces are perhaps the most interesting part of a photo; they should be prominent.
- ☆ Limit the number of people (preferable no more than four) in each shot and identify each person by their full name and title.
- ☆ Charity is about people. Show readers how you have helped people through the funds you worked so hard to raise; do not show them a signed check.
- ☆ Photos should be clear and in focus. Be mindful of lighting. Use a flash indoors but remember that the flash range is limited. Submitted photos should be as high a resolution as possible.



Greetings Worthy Knights, Columbiettes, Family's & Friends;

*****Update for the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Columbus Council #126*****

90 seats have already been sold,,, please submit your payments to secure your seat before we sell out.

Assistance needed please with soliciting journal ad's for the 125th Commemorative Journal Book. Please send me the names & addresses of businesses that you know will be willing to purchase a journal ad or please contact them yourself. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

The Columbus Council #126 125th "Quasquicentennial" Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday May 16, 2020 at Buckley's Restaurant - Avenue S & Nostrand Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11229 - 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM, then an After Party back at Columbus Council #126 11:00 PM till 2:00 AM on May 17, 2020.

The cost is \$125 which includes a Full Cocktail Hour, Full Sit Down Dinner, Cocktails through out the night, Dessert, DJ Matt Finley, O'Malley Irish Dance Academy, CC126 Pipes & Drums Band & much more. The \$125 also includes the After Party back at Columbus Council #126.

If you are attending the After Party only? The cost is \$35.00 per person.

The Columbus Council #126 125th "Quasquicentennial" Anniversary Celebration seats are on a (FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED, FULL ADVANCED PAYMENT) basis.

To also commemorate our anniversary, we will be having a Commemorative Journal Book & ask if you would like to purchase a journal ad. I have attached the event flyer & journal ad contract. Journal Ad's must be received by April 1, 2020.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or any of the committee members listed on the attached poster/flyer.

Vivat Jesus!!!

Fraternally,

Sir Knight Eddie Velinskie

Grand Knight - Council #126

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Brooklyn, New York 11229

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**COLUMBUS COUNCIL #126 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
“Quasquicentennial”**

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, JOURNAL AD CONTRACT & PRICING

()	GOLD FULL PAGE	\$300.00
()	SILVER FULL PAGE	\$200.00
()	WHITE FULL PAGE	\$100.00
()	WHITE HALF PAGE	\$65.00
()	INSIDE FRONT COVER	\$300.00
()	INSIDE BACK COVER	\$300.00
()	BACK OUTSIDE COVER	\$400.00

Journal ads can be mailed to Columbus Council #126: 3051 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Please make checks payable to Columbus Council 126. Please submit ads by April 1, 2020.

Any Questions, Please Contact:

GK Eddie Velinskie 347-210-1249 - DGK Steve Kiernan 917-886-8677

**Chancellor John Murphy 646-660-4324 Warden PGK Kevin Smylie 347-236-0948 and
President Tom Farr 347-432-1091**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone or Cell Number: _____

Please type or clearly print the text of your ad below, or provide a separate attachment page:



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FORMS NEW COUNCIL IN WEST ISLIP OUR LADY OF LOURDES COUNCIL NO.17379

The New York State Knights of Columbus has recently formed a new Parish based council in West Islip. The new council will be based out of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish located at 455 Hunter Avenue West Islip. During the preliminary meetings back in the fall of 2019, it was determined that the council will be named after the Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Council NO. 17379. The Supreme Office in Hartford, CT assigns the Council number. The council starts with 47 founding members. Among them are 22 transfers from nearby councils, 20 new members, and 5 members that reapplied for their membership. NYS Deputy Walter J. Wyck joined the council at their installation of Officers ceremony and personally installed Grand Knight, Raymond Mazzilli. Msgr. Brian J. McNamara Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes was installed as the Council Chaplain. Grand Knight Raymond Mazzilli will make member recruitment, fund raising, and assisting the Church with its ministries his priorities. The officers of the council were installed on January 13, 2020 at the Parish Center by 8th District Deputy Charles Shami. Grand Knights from the other councils in the 8th District, Guillermo Jimenes, St. Joseph the Carpenter, Robert Lodato, Our Lady of Grace and Leslie Small, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal were in attendance to show their



Standing left to right: Erik J. Pauze-Deputy Grand Knight, Charles Shami-District Deputy, Brian Haggerty-Recording Secretary, Joseph A. Lehmann-Inside Guard, Dominick Benvenuto-Trustee, Carmine E. Soldano-Advocate, James E. Anderson-Treasurer.

Seated left to right: Joseph M. Nolan-Warden, Msgr. Brian J. McNamara-Chaplain, Raymond Mazzilli-Grand Knight, Walter J. Wyck-NYS Deputy, Thomas Cromwell-Trustee



NEW YORK 8th DISTRICT GRAND KNIGHTS SUPPORT NEW COUNCIL IN THEIR DISTRICT OUR LADY OF LOURDES COUNCIL N0.17379

The Grand Knights in New York's 8th District Knights of Columbus turned out to support Our Lady of Lourdes Council N0.17379 in West Islip, the newest addition to their District. District Deputy Charles Shami and Suffolk Conference Chairman, Norman A. Wagner were pleased with willingness of these Grand Knights to help promote the new council. NYS Deputy Walter J. Wyck thanked each of the Grand Knights for attending the installation ceremony.



Standing left to right: Leslie Small-Grand Knight of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal N0. 6556 in Wyandanch, Robert J. Lodato-Grand Knight of Our Lady of Grace Council N0.11968 in West Babylon, Walter J. Wyck-NYS Deputy, Raymond Mazzilli-Grand Knight of Our Lady of Lourdes Council N0.17379 in West Islip, and Guillermo Jimenes-Grand Knight of St. Joseph the Carpenter Council N0.14771 in Babylon.