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So That the World  
May Know New Hope*

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## A Message From Your State Deputy Salvatore A. Restivo

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Dear Brothers of the New York State Council:

I have just returned from the Supreme Convention. It was great! The news as you probably have heard is that our own Arthur J. Harris is now Supreme Director. We know Art will make us proud. We wish you well. Congratulations Art.

The theme of the Supreme Convention and for this fraternal year is "So that the world may know new hope". These words are those of the Blessed John Paul II. The Supreme Council has amplified this theme by the many programs for the poor and disabled around the world. The world wide wheel chair initiative and our program that supplies prosthetics, free of charge, to the children of Haiti are just two examples of what our Supreme Council is doing. We can be very proud of our Order and its leadership.

In New York we must do our share. Our program in New York is "Building His Dream". We have much to do and we are off to a good start.

Our indoctrination weekend was most productive. The District Deputies who attended seemed enthusiastic and eager to get started. Most reported that they were excited to get back to their areas and make things happen.

Now is the time of the Columbian

year to get organized and set the tone for the new Columbian year and the District Deputies are ready and willing to do just that.

At the indoctrination weekend, I made several announcements. First and foremost is that we will be uniting with our Bishops and the New York Catholic Conference in Albany on March 13, 2012. Now is the time to show solidarity with the Church in New York and their political arm. While we still will focus on our mission as a fraternal benefit society; we also will network and spread the word amongst ourselves about the important issues of which we as Catholics must be aware. I encourage all my brothers to go to the New York Catholic Conference website at: <http://www.nyscatholic.org/pages/home/home.asp#> and join the New York Catholic Conference. As informed Catholics we can take appropriate action. A schedule for the prayer rally will be forth coming as we want to include a Mass concelebrated by the Archbishop and Bishops of New York State as well as a rosary prayer service.

Beginning October 10, 2011, our television program highlighting the good works of the Knights of Columbus began airing. The T.V. series "Building His Dream" focuses upon the good works of the local councils in New York State. The programs will be available



online after airing via our state council web site. If your council has a charitable activity that you feel is worth publicizing, please contact Ed Ciulla, at [temporaryon@aol.com](mailto:temporaryon@aol.com). The show broadcasts 7 days a week at various times to reach a wide audience. Please check your local cable and FIOS listings for the Telecare channel as well as in the ESB.

Beginning in September, the State Officers, State Directors, Chairmen of the Boards, DDs, State Chairmen, and Conference Chairmen, will have a monthly N Y State Council meeting. The State council meetings will be conducted over the internet and phone lines using the Webinar mode. The State Officers and I feel we need to keep the level of communication around the state high and at the same time, establish and maintain a system of accountability. Monthly webinar meetings will facilitate this process. If you are interested, you may attend live or access the meeting on our website at a later date.

***A Message from Your State Deputy Continued...***

Our Charitable and Benevolent Program is off to a great start. Jack Ferrarotti and his team's enthusiasm have resulted in a 34% increase over last year's Quick Start and 16% over last year's Early Bird. While Jack and the team are encouraged, they tell me there is more work to be done. We are very excited by this first showing.

The membership Team is also in high gear. Rick Ditrio and our Major Conference Directors have "hit the ground running". The team has met with supreme representatives and we are all determined to get the job done. The membership team is also meeting with local leaders to organize the state's membership efforts. Rick and his team are looking to turn the tide and move our numbers in a positive direction.

Mike Galgano, our Youth Director, reports that he and his team are working on the Soccer Challenge and the Free Throw contests. Our focus in my administration will mainly be on youth. **Our Catholic School Support Program** is designed to recognize local councils' support of Catholic elementary and high schools. As a Catholic Fraternal assistance society, it is essential that we support our Catholic schools. After all, Father McGivney founded the Knights to support children and the families of Catholic men. The New York State Council is committed to be in the forefront of a new movement that will rally Catholics around our Catholic Schools. We need to build the base of our faith and support our Catholic Schools financially and with acts of volunteerism. If not the Knights of Columbus, the successors of Father McGivney, than who? We are a fraternal benefits society dedicated to charity. We are Catholic men who support Catholic vocations. We support Catholic Families and we support our church. Lamenting that: Schools are closing, churches are closing, we don't have enough priests and religious, and that American society is focused against us both politically and socially, doesn't speak to the issues or even attempts to solve the problem. It is time that we realize that we need to support Catholic schools as a "Faith Community" and begin to turn the tide in our communities. The New York State Council's "Adopt a School" program is only the first step in a journey. Take that step with us and support your local Catholic Schools.

Our Administrative State Chairman, Jim McCue and his team have wonderful news to report. The Special Children/ Special Olympics program is off to a great start. Megan and Erin's lemonade stand, with the help of the New York Yankees, brought in over \$22,000. Jim says there is more to come. \$17,000 of the 22 will go to Special Olympics and \$5,000 will go to The Seton Academy which is a Catholic special education school for students from Kindergarten to age 21. Let's remember our special needs children during the NYS council days of Charity the weekend of September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our Program Director, Jim Thompson, is working diligently with his many N Y State Chairmen and Coordinators. "Food for Families" and "Coats for Kids" are two relatively new programs from supreme. Both programs address the vision for Father McGivney. Check out our NY state Website for more information. Jim is also working with our State Chairman of Logistics, Jim Smith, to circulate the Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe. These beautiful icons will be available all over New York State in the near future.

Since writing this in August, we have not published an Empire State Bulletin and I need to update you on events.

Over the Labor Day Weekend, I had the opportunity to visit Middleburgh and Schoharie and personally witnessed the devastation of the floods caused by Hurricane Irene. While writing to our Supreme Knight and asking him for financial assistance, I learned of the tornado that hit the upstate area near Amsterdam. The tropical storm hit and it seemed that there were more areas in New York that needed assistance than we could handle. With the help of the Supreme Council, donations from Councils, Chapters, the Columbiettes, private donors and the monies we had in New York State Council's Disaster Relief Fund, we were able to assist people to the tune of \$50,000. This was all done in less than 6 weeks. There are still some requests to answer and there is still a need to donate to our Disaster Relief Fund. I ask if you have not contributed, please do; any amount is acceptable.

Earlier in this article I mentioned that we will be having monthly state wide web meetings. We have had two thus far and will continue to have these meetings monthly except in the month of December when we will have our Mid-year meeting in Tarrytown. We have had phone conferences with our minor Conference Chairmen and a separate one for the Chairmen of the Boards of DDs. Both these conferences were well received and are helping us to maintain a high level of communication.

We are looking to actively support the Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation. This organization oversees the local groups around the state like Birthright and Mama's House who provide a valuable service to young mothers who need assistance caring for their babies and themselves.

The New York State council, at this writing is sponsoring a fundraiser for this worthwhile pro-life organization. We are selling tickets to the Bills/Jets game for Sunday, November 27 for \$95/person. The more we sell the more we make for the M&ECF.

The "Building His Dream" Telecare program is now in its third week. We are set to film the next segments and will put these TV programs on the internet for those who have missed them.

There are a number of State and local council programs that speak of who we are. We must always keep in focus the vision and dream of Father McGivney. Supporting our faith through our youth and charitable works are our primary means to keeping the faith. As Catholic Americans we must keep abreast of the current attacks on our Church and our beliefs. Let us remember as Knights of Columbus we are called to be Charitable, United and Fraternal. Now is the time to unite. Now is the time to look towards the greater good for all Catholics. Now is the time to increase our charity in thought, word and deed.

"Building His Dream" so "the world may know new hope", I remain,

Fraternally,  
Sal

Margie and I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

**New York State Deputy Sal A. Restivo's KEY Note Speech, July 23, 2011, Crowne Plaza Suffern, NY**  
**To whom much is given, much is expected!**

If you truly reflect and count your blessings

We have been given much:

We live in the greatest Republic in history

We are:

Rich in wealth,

Rich in natural resources,

Rich in Religious freedom,

Rich in God's greatest creation,  
made in His image and likeness.

You and I have acquired a great Catholic Faith,

We have been given much Hope through our beliefs in the promise of redemption and the gift of forgiveness.

We have been given a great capacity for Charity through our Order and the principles of that Order which we cherish.

If we reflect on the founder of our Order one can say he had a tough life. The oldest of 13 whose father passed away leaving behind a large young family that had to be supported by the two eldest sisters while he the oldest male sibling Michael J., had to be adopted by the diocese so he could finish his studies for the priesthood.

When you stop to think of the hardships endured by this young man who died at a young age only serving 13 years of his life as a Parish Priest, you have to wonder why I point to Father Michael J. McGivney as our example and say: **"To whom much is given much is expected"?**

It is obvious to me that we are the beneficiaries of this young priest's short life's work and yes we are beneficiaries of his dream.

Today in New York State in another time and era that seem light years away from the time of our founding in 1882, we rededicate ourselves to the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

**To whom much is given,**

In a time when it seems that our entire society has turned toward secular monetarism;

We rededicate ourselves to an Order whose primary principle is the care of the less fortunate,

**To whom much is given,**

In a time when our society is redefining traditions that have long been the source of strength and the cornerstone of our culture; we rededicate ourselves to an Order and to a Church that values the sacred traditions of marriage.

**To whom much is given,**

At a time when some are entrenched in demonizing others labeling their behavior leadership, we rededicate ourselves to the Order and memory of that young Catholic Priest who taught us that before we can have Charity we must have Unity.

**To whom much is given,**

At a time when it seems that our State Council is struggling with financial concerns; we rededicate ourselves to the Order and the example of Father McGivney and focus on the youth of our Faith and the less fortunate.

**To whom much is given,**

Building his dream, we will focus on charity and move our great State Council forward,

Building his dream, we will stand united and point the way to our future by supporting our Catholic school system,

Building his dream, we will be our brother's keeper and put the principle of fraternity before self indulgence.

**To whom much is given...**

Much Charity,

Much Unity, and

Much Fraternity, is expected.

ALBANY COUNCIL 173

OCTOBER 2011

## KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

### HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

**Total \$3,000**

Albany Council 173 strives to support Catholic Education on many levels through grants and scholarships. Recently we were privileged to present three \$1,000 scholarships to students attending Bishop Maginn High School. The recipients were Kia-Raja Smith, a Junior, who graduated from Saint Casimir School in Albany; Alex Ziembiec, a Sophomore, who is a graduate of Guilderland's Farnsworth School, and Isiah Anderson, a Freshman, who graduated from Albany Prep and New Covenant Charter School.



Funds for these high school scholarships are appropriated annually. Support to Catholic Elementary Schools is one other effort of the Council. The Council is striving to strengthen its endowment account with the Albany Diocese Foundation which will enable the endowment fund to fully sustain these scholarships, support Seminarians, and expand programs in the future.



TELECARE



### **Building His Dream on Telecare, Channel 296**

**Channel 29/137 on Cable or [www.telecaretv.org](http://www.telecaretv.org)**

- ◆ **Monday** 9:15 a.m. & 7:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Wednesday** 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Friday** 9:15 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**This program is dedicated to the great works of the local Councils of the Knights of Columbus.**



### ***Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney***

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (**make your request here**). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.



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**a subject of ESB - add me to your list.**

**Help us share our news with all of New York State.**

***Grand Opening of the  
New York State Council  
Building His Dream  
Country Store!***

**Visit us at the  
Mid-Year Meeting  
December 2, 3,4, 2011**

Items available for purchase are:

Tie Clips - \$9.95

Key Chains - \$4.95

State Golf Shirts - \$19.95

Patches - \$10.95

Vinyl Car Decal - \$4.95

***Stop by  
and say hi!***



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**I may not be  
perfect,  
but Jesus thinks  
I'm to die for.**

## Schoharie and Middleburgh Counties

Our Worthy State Deputy, Sal Restivo, heard of Brother Knights suffering devastation as a direct result of Hurricane Irene and headed out immediately to give support of the New York State Council. Special thanks to all who contributed to help the many families who had lost everything.

Pictured below are the personal belongings lining the streets after the mud floods of 6-8 feet destroyed everything the many families owned.

Below is our Worthy State Deputy, Sal Restivo, listening to the needs of the members of Father George Keefe Council #4475 of Our Lady of the Valley Parish. Grand Knight Chris Campbell stands to the right of Sal.



In 1954, lobbying by the Order of the Knights of Columbus helped convince the U.S. Congress to add the phrase "**under God**" to the Pledge of Allegiance. President Dwight Eisenhower wrote to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart thanking the Knights for their "part in the movement to have the words '**under God**' added to our Pledge of Allegiance."

***"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."***

## ***PROGRAMS***

**Jim Thompson,  
Program Director**

Our objectives are to make this one of our better years on record for programs. We have some exceptional people working on different ideas and I would like to let you know who they are and what they will be working on.

First we have Athletic Chairman John Kinney from Western area. John will be working on Golf Day in each of the major conferences as well as a softball tournament, stickball challenge, and a bowling tournament.

State Chairman for Columbiettes is Joe Muller from BMS. Joe is willing to help any area that is thinking about starting the Columbiettes or a Ladies Aux. Joe will be our liaison to the Columbiettes and will share information between them and us. Joe will have one auxiliary chairman working with him.

State Chairman Ralph Plaisance from Nassau will have Keep Christ in Christmas and will be working with The Catholic Advocacy team.

State Chairman for Catholic Advocacy is John Simmons from Hudson Valley. This group will be working on Keep Christ in Christmas, Activities, Vocations and the RSVP Program. John and Ralph will have ten vice chairmen working on his team.

State Coordinator for Coats for Kids is Kevin Coleman from Nassau. Kevin will be working

on Coats for Kids and trying to get all councils and conferences to participate.

At present New York State has over 40 cases of coats ordered.

State Coordinator for Food for families is Charles Cicio from Suffolk. Charles and Kevin will be working together on these programs and others along with nine vice chairmen.

State Chairman for Public Relations is Ed Smith from the Central Area. Ed will have five vice chairmen and one auxiliary chairman working with him. Their responsibility will be to promote and advertise all the events of our State and local councils.

State Chair for Senior Citizens is Jim Mihalko from Capital. Jim's job will be to find information for our senior citizens and put it into the Empire State Bulletin and on the state website.

State Coordinators for our Pilgrimages. We have 5. They are: Steven Vant from Western, Our Lady of Fatima; Frank Casillo from Suffolk, Lady of the Island; Thomas Donovan from Nassau, Lady of the Island; Peter Keenan from Northern, Isle of LaMotte; Jim Byron from Capital, Auriesville. Their responsibility will be to set up Pilgrimage, dates, parking, readings for Mass, food, parking and advertising.

Pro Life Chairman is Martin Ryan from Suffolk. He will be handling the Rite to Life Mass at St. Pat's as well as the Prayer Rally which may have a different venue this year. Martin will have 2 Auxiliary Chairmen and 7 Vice Chairmen working with him.

Vocations State Chairman is Pat Torney from BMS. Pat will be working with The Catholic Advocacy Team

State Chairman for CHURCH ACTIVITIES is Randy Smith from Northern. He will be working with the Catholic Advocacy team.

Family of the Year State Chairman is Frank Bagley from Queens's area. And finally we have under Frank, Catholic Family Activities, which will have 8 Vice Chairmen. They will be responsible for promoting Family Activities in the councils, Family of the Month, Family of the Year and a new program, Family Fraternal Weekend. More information to follow.

You have now been introduced to our Program teams and been given some idea of what we are looking for in the year to come. If you have any questions, our team will be glad to answer them. You can call or email myself or any State Chairmen.

Fraternally;

Jim Thompson  
Program Director

## “Coats for Kids”

It seems like yesterday that our leadership changed, but we are 4 months into the 2011-2012 Columbian Year and we are moving fast. Our State Deputy Sal A. Restivo and his team have hit the ground running full speed ahead.

My priority at this time is COATS FOR KIDS. So far this year we are way ahead of previous years. We have 40 cases of coats ordered from Conferences, Chapters, Assemblies, Councils and 5 of our General Insurance Agencies. Additionally, we have been fortunate enough to receive support from 4 of our State Directors.

I would like to take a moment to thank our State Coordinators and the HUMANE ACTION TEAM for all their work on making this program a priority.

For the benefit of all, I have listed the rules to make certain that everyone receives full credit on the Columbian Award (sp7).

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES - COATS FOR KIDS

A Council must purchase and donate to needy children a MINIMUM OF 8 CASES of coats. A case contains 12 coats. This activity must be reported using the Columbian Award Application (sp7). The publicity generated by our Coats for Kids distribution will represent the Knights of Columbus in a very positive way to prospective members. Might I suggest to use the days following the distribution of coats as an excellent time to invite those prospects to join your Council and our great Order.

If you wish more information on Coats for Kids:

- ◆ Visit the Knights of Columbus Supreme website, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)
- ◆ Email Kevin Coleman at [KColeman10@aol.com](mailto:KColeman10@aol.com)
- ◆ Email me at [jt7490@hotmail.com](mailto:jt7490@hotmail.com)

In the next issue of the Empire State Bulletin, we will highlight the Food for Families Program.

Fraternally;  
James M. Thompson  
Program Director



Brother Knights from The Westchester / Putnam Counties presented 2 cases of Coats to Birth Rite on the evening of their most recent 2nd Degree.

Our Lady of the Lake Council in Carmel was proud to host the events of the evening.

Pictured in the above photo from left to right are: Front Row: Grand Knight Joe Mansfield (holding jacket), Robert Cuthbert, FN, Rita O'Brien from Birth Rite, Ken Chambers, DD 47, Rob Firrolo, Warden (6318), Bob Manfredi, Jonathon Garcia, Chancellor (6318), and Tony Mazzuca, DD 45.

This is the start "Coats for Kids" in New York State.

At the end of October, St. Pius X Council received 220 coats as part of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" Program with the help of Charlie Ardillo, NY State Treasurer for the Knights. We teamed up with the Ladies of Charity to get the coats out to the needy families before the cold winter months. Pictured below are

Ann Grifasi, Joan Michalski, Pat Abramoski, President of St. Pius X Ladies of Charity, Fr. O'Connor, Grand Knight Joseph Carrigan, Clemens Braunscheidel and Lewis Herman.



## 2011 CHARITABLE & BENEVOLENT PROGRAM

**Jack Ferrarotti**  
**N.Y. State C&B Director**

The Charitable & Benevolent Program for 2011 is quickly coming to its conclusion with the final drawing just around the corner. We are all very excited!



There were many changes in the program this year regarding the bonus structure, all in hopes to encourage all Councils in N.Y. State to sell books and reap the benefits that their Councils could receive from the incentive bonus money. Our goal was to allow everyone in both the state and local Councils to increase the amount of money they would receive for use in their charitable programs at all levels of the Knights of Columbus. We must remember the watch word of our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree – **“CHARITY”**. Our State Deputy, Sal Restivo has repeatedly stated that his goal, by the end of his administration, would be that all monies raised by the C&B program would be used for that purpose – **“CHARITY”**.

After the final drawing on Saturday, December 3, 2011, and before next year’s books are printed and distributed throughout the state, I, along with my C&B Committee, and the State Officers, will meet to review the results of this year’s C&B Program. We will discuss all that has impacted this year’s program and will use our findings to make revisions for next year, if necessary.

Please make certain to get all sold books in the hands of your District Deputies who will be sure to get them in the drawing! Remember all books turned in must be accompanied by a Council check. We ask that checks and books not be sent to the State Council Office.

Remember the slogan for this year’s C&B is **“As Easy As One, Two, Three”**, which represents the three steps of the Incentive Bonus Program. This is a joint effort where both the state and local councils are working together to bring the 2011 C&B Program back to where it should be.

| <b>Quick Stat Winners</b> |                   |                         |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Prize</b>              | <b>Conference</b> | <b>Name</b>             | <b>Council</b>          |
| \$400                     | Long Island       | Ramon Jimenex           | Fr. Sorrentino #4629    |
|                           | Downstate         | Monsignor Edward Straub | Fr. Cronin #4768        |
|                           | Upstate           | Idolo Madau             | St. Jude #10758         |
| \$250                     | Long Island       | Sal Torrisi             | Fr. Judge #6893         |
|                           | Downstate         | William Greenefeld      | Kingston #275           |
|                           | Upstate           | Richard K. Campbell     | Fr. John Guy #12223     |
| \$100                     | Long Island       | Hank Theiling           | OLOR #4428              |
|                           | Downstate         | Richard DeSilva         | Fr. John La Farge #4012 |
|                           | Upstate           | Gene Krist              | St. Leo's #9461         |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. I, along with everyone on the C&B team, Major and Minor Coordinators, and Auxiliaries are only a phone call away!

**Remain positive remembering...**

***“There are no negatives in this year’s program”.***

| <b>Early Bird Winners</b> |                   |                    |                            |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Prize</b>              | <b>Conference</b> | <b>Name</b>        | <b>Council</b>             |
| \$750                     | Long Island       | Donald Gander      | Msgr. Sherman #4629        |
|                           | Downstate         | William Greenefeld | Kingston #275              |
|                           | Upstate           | Joseph A. Joy      | Msgr. Wm. C. Kirby #325    |
| \$500                     | Long Island       | Joseph Papaccio    | St. Sylvester #6194        |
|                           | Downstate         | Chester Nawoichyk  | Triune #2052               |
|                           | Upstate           | Bill Bogan         | Our Lady of Batavia #11728 |
| \$250                     | Long Island       | Thomas Fawcett     | St. Regis #4651            |
|                           | Downstate         | William Greenefeld | Kingston #275              |
|                           | Upstate           | Stephen Marone     | Bishop McCafferty #15118   |

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT**

Dear Worthy Grand Knights,

I am writing to advise you of a new program of the New York State Council. It is a program of vital importance to the future of our Catholic Schools.

You know the importance that a Catholic education provides for our children. Students in Catholic Schools across our state meet and exceed the state standards both in reading and math at higher percentage than their public school counterparts. Recent studies indicate that 99% of all Catholic secondary schools students graduate and 97% continue their education past high school. Catholic Schools strive to develop their students physically, emotionally, academically and of course spiritually.

As we continue into the 21st century many of our Catholic Schools in New York face the challenge of remaining open and continuing to educate our young people.

Our State Deputy is very concerned about this and has established the Catholic Schools Support Program (CSSP). The goal of the program is for each council to "adopt" a Catholic School.

The State Council is asking that the councils sponsor fundraisers where the funds raised will go directly to the "adopted" school. The State Council is aware that many councils are already doing this and we ask that you continue. To the councils who are not we ask that you get "involved" to the best of your councils ability.

Councils who are not in a position to participate there is another way to join in the CCSP. We are asking the councils to organize a committee of volunteers who will work with the principal in determining what volunteers are needed.

The Councils and Grand Knights who participate in the CSSP will be specially recognized by State Council at the convention.

It is the intention of the State Council to establish a matching fund policy for both the funds from fundraisers as well as a calculated amount based on the total hours of service. These funds will come from the profits generated by our C&B program.

Email me at [wafogelman1814@aol.com](mailto:wafogelman1814@aol.com) for a copy of the form in which to report your activities in the CSSP.

Worthy Grand Knight, please feel free to call me if you have any suggestions or concerns about the program.

I thank our State Deputy, Sal for entrusting this new program to me and we thank you for your anticipated support.

Please remember that "we as Knights have nothing less than a moral obligation to keep our Catholic Schools Strong and Vibrant".

Fraternally,  
Walter A. Fogelman  
State Chairman



J. Brian Dwyer, Grand Knight and Patrick J. Moran, Deputy Grand Knight of Father Slomski Council No. 7423 present a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Walter N. Kedjierski, District Deputy of the 1st District in support of Catholic Schools. This money is to be used for Scholarships to Mercy / Bishop McGann High School. Grand Knight Dwyer says this is the first of many.



Southampton Council No. 1967 adopted Our Lady of the Hampton's School under our State Deputy Sal Restivo's New Program. Grand Knight Kenneth Moffa and New York State 1st District Deputy Walter N. Kedjierski look on as Deputy Grand Knight James Drew presents a check for \$1,000.00 to Sister Catharine Schueter CSJ Principal of the school for their Building Fund.

# Membership Director

Vivat Jesus!

Thank you to all our New York Knights of Columbus for all that you do each and every day!

To recap where we are as of Nov 16, 2011, currently in our fourth month.

We have placed a Major Conference Membership Director in each of our Major Conferences. Each of these directors has been looking at parishes currently not affiliated with a Knights of Columbus Council. We have approximately 9 different parishes that have currently began work on new Council development and these are currently at various stages of progress, we should be seeing good numbers from these soon. Each of our Major Conference Directors will be adding one more parish each month to that list. At the end of this Columbian year we will have actively pursued at least 36 parishes just with the efforts of our Directors. We are currently working on 15 Councils that are being reactivated and revitalized throughout or State. There are six alone just in Manhattan. That has not been done in years and again that's thanks to the foresight of our State Deputy, putting together a team structure that allows attention to be placed at the Council level. We expect to see increasing numbers in the months to come.

We have currently recruited approximately 836 new members. We do have quite a number of suspensions, our net is a positive 213. Our current net is negative 711. We are sitting down with Councils that are suspending members and making sure that things are done properly. We are scrutinizing every Conservation report and are working on retaining as many members as possible. Our goal is to have a positive net at the end of the year. It will take a lot of work and we will be contacting each of the 12 areas throughout New York State to redouble their efforts.

I am planning to institute a competition within the 12 areas of New York State. We are planning on unveiling this at our December District Deputy meeting. We have made up posters which consist of a letter from our Bishops, we have distributed them throughout the State of New York. If anyone needs more posters please let your District Deputy know – they will be available at the December meeting.

We have revamped our entire training system to concentrate on two major areas; one concentrates on the vision and leadership of the Grand Knight, and the other on Council activities in order to strengthen the councils so we can attract and retain new members. This gives our Councils the opportunity to look at themselves and evaluate their strengths and their weaknesses and aides them in developing a positive action plan for their individual Council.

Having a State Director in each of our three major areas has been a tremendous asset. We are in constant contact and continually troubleshooting

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# Membership Continued

situations throughout New York State. We have to turn up the heat in order to hit our membership goals. Our entire membership team is committed to reaching our membership goals and are working very hard to achieve them. I do intend to concentrate more on council activities this quarter, so that we can spur growth from each and every one of our councils and attract new members. We have 3" buttons that we have designed and included a State wide e-mail address "[joinkofc@gmail.com](mailto:joinkofc@gmail.com)". Those buttons will be worn by members that help out at membership drives and they'll also be used on all the paraphernalia that were handing out at membership drives. Emails sent to this address go directly to our State Deputy and myself, who will then send the prospective member out to the appropriate area of the State and the perspective member is contacted.

I am very proud of the men in New York on the membership team. It seems that there is almost a competition every time there is a perspective candidate out there to be the first to contact that person. I don't know if that was always the case but we're really not seeing men slip through the cracks. They are all being contacted and are becoming members.

We are also developing a much closer relationship with our insurance agents and all the general agents. Our directors have met with the general agents and they will meet again on December 2. We are meeting with the agents in order to help bolster the cooperation between us all. We are also working together with our State Youth Director sending letters and contacting all Squires that have turned 18, inviting them to become a Knight of Columbus. With the cooperation and help of Supreme, we are sending out over 6500 letters to all inactive insurance members throughout New York. We have traveled to Supreme and have sat with Fred Abraham, Gary Nolan and George Haddad. They were so kind to spend time with us and help us as we started forming our membership plan.

We are on an upswing here in New York. Things are going fairly well, but we are not satisfied yet. There is still a lot of work to do and I want to thank our State Deputy and our entire Membership team; our Directors – Don Graham, Bob Weitzman and Gary Leonardo, my assistant, Ed Willie, our Membership Coordinators, Conference and Chapter Officers and our District Deputies for doing an outstanding job and we look forward to continue to have a very positive year.

Wishing you a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus,  
Richard J. Ditrio Jr.  
NY Membership Director

# Membership Retention

It is so critical for us to maintain our council's relationship with ALL our members. How many of your council's members have you seen or heard from during the last year? What about those you have not heard from? How do they know your council still appreciates their membership and support? Here are a few ways you might consider keeping your members involved with their council:

- Do you have a current address, phone and email for each member? If you have lost track of a member, try using Addresses.com to find them.
- Do you have a council newsletter and is it being emailed or mailed to a current address for each member? It is greatly appreciated when your members know who the council is praying for and what's going on.
- Try to maintain or develop a list of Sponsors or assign a "Big Brother" to all members. Ask these sponsors or big brothers to personally contact their brother knights at least once a year by either a visit or phone call. They may want to ask them if there are any special needs for prayers, any changes in the member's contact information or any other news that the member may wish to share. Then make sure to share some of this news with the council. If they are local, encourage them to consider coming down to a council meeting or function. You could even offer to pick them up.

What a wonderful added blessing for the members of our councils to know that his council is thinking and/or praying for him and his family. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Ed Willie

Assistant to the Membership Director and Retention Chairman

## NYS Council Membership and Forms Report by Major Conference

| #<br>Coun<br>cils | D38, D69<br>& D93** | Conference  | # Active<br>Members | % of Forms Sent in *                     |       |       |      |                | Average               | Membership       |             |       |        |              |      | Award    |     |       |     |   |   |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--|-------|-------|------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|-------|--------|--------------|------|----------|-----|-------|-----|---|---|
|                   |                     |             |                     | From Supreme delinquency report dated -> |       |       |      |                |                       | Progress to Goal |             |       |        |              |      | Progress |     |       |     |   |   |
|                   |                     |             |                     | 11/17                                    | 11/17 | 11/17 |      |                |                       | Nov              | YTD         | % to  | YTD    | Cir.<br>Hon. | Star |          |     |       |     |   |   |
|                   |                     |             | 185                 | 365                                      | 1295  | 1728  | SP-7 | 1st<br>Degrees | Youth                 |                  | MTD         | Mem   | GOAL   | Susp         | Core |          |     |       |     |   |   |
|                   |                     |             |                     |  |       |       |      | # held         | # with<br>own<br>team | F<br>4<br>F      | C<br>4<br>K | Essay | Soccer |              |      |          |     |       |     |   |   |
| 52                | 1                   | Nassau      | 15,468              | 94%                                      | 84%   | 88%   | 0%   | 0%             | 89%                   | 7                | 6           | 0     | 2      | 1            | 0    | 32       | 80  | 7.0%  | 73  | 0 | 0 |
| 53                | 3                   | Suffolk     | 10,408              | 100%                                     | 100%  | 98%   | 0%   | 0%             | 99%                   | 8                | 7           | 0     | 4      | 0            | 3    | 33       | 56  | 5.8%  | 77  | 0 | 0 |
| 37                | 3                   | Queens      | 6,447               | 88%                                      | 79%   | 65%   | 0%   | 0%             | 77%                   | 1                | 1           | 0     | 2      | 0            | 0    | -2       | -49 | -8.8% | 103 | 0 | 0 |
| 46                |                     | Kings       | 8,017               | 76%                                      | 72%   | 59%   | 0%   | 0%             | 69%                   | 2                | 2           | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0    | 5        | 28  | 4.3%  | 72  | 0 | 1 |
| 188               | 7                   | Long Island | 40,340              | 90%                                      | 85%   | 79%   | 0%   | 0%             | 85%                   | 18               | 16          | 0     | 8      | 1            | 3    | 68       | 115 | 3.5%  | 325 | 0 | 1 |
| 40                | 7                   | B/M/S       | 5,179               | 55%                                      | 45%   | 39%   | 0%   | 0%             | 46%                   | 2                | 1           | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0    | -1       | -31 | -6.2% | 84  | 0 | 3 |
| 28                |                     | West-Put    | 3,724               | 86%                                      | 79%   | 75%   | 0%   | 0%             | 80%                   | 2                | 2           | 0     | 7      | 0            | 0    | -17      | -16 | -4.5% | 49  | 0 | 0 |
| 53                | 1                   | Hudson Val  | 7,470               | 81%                                      | 65%   | 58%   | 0%   | 0%             | 68%                   | 5                | 5           | 0     | 1      | 0            | 0    | 9        | 22  | 3.1%  | 62  | 0 | 1 |
| 69                | 10                  | Capital     | 6,011               | 78%                                      | 42%   | 44%   | 0%   | 0%             | 55%                   | 3                | 3           | 0     | 2      | 0            | 0    | 1        | 30  | 5.2%  | 20  | 0 | 0 |
| 190               | 18                  | Downstate   | 22,384              | 76%                                      | 56%   | 52%   | 0%   | 0%             | 61%                   | 12               | 11          | 0     | 10     | 0            | 0    | -8       | 5   | 0.2%  | 215 | 0 | 4 |
| 44                | 4                   | Western     | 8,479               | 80%                                      | 63%   | 63%   | 0%   | 0%             | 68%                   | 3                | 2           | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0    | -8       | 28  | 3.9%  | 56  | 0 | 0 |
| 43                | 6                   | Central     | 5,132               | 86%                                      | 57%   | 70%   | 0%   | 0%             | 71%                   | 6                | 6           | 0     | 2      | 0            | 1    | 1        | 23  | 4.9%  | 14  | 0 | 0 |
| 43                | 4                   | Finger Lks  | 4,699               | 79%                                      | 64%   | 62%   | 0%   | 0%             | 68%                   | 2                | 2           | 0     | 0      | 0            | 0    | 23       | 47  | 11.0% | 7   | 0 | 0 |
| 56                |                     | Northern    | 5,112               | 71%                                      | 52%   | 46%   | 0%   | 0%             | 57%                   | 0                | 0           | 0     | 1      | 0            | 1    | 3        | 17  | 3.4%  | 9   | 0 | 0 |
| 186               | 14                  | Upstate     | 23,422              | 78%                                      | 58%   | 59%   | 0%   | 0%             | 65%                   | 11               | 10          | 0     | 3      | 0            | 2    | 19       | 115 | 5.4%  | 86  | 0 | 0 |
| 564               | 39                  | NYS         | 86,146              | 82%                                      | 66%   | 64%   | 0%   | 0%             | 71%                   | 41               | 37          | 0     | 21     | 1            | 5    | 79       | 235 | 3.1%  | 626 | 0 | 5 |

\*\* The inactive councils specifically assigned to Districts 38, 69 & 93 are NOT included in the Forms statistics, but, are included in their conference's membership totals.

F4F = Food for Families  
C4K = Coats for Kids

prepared by Ed Willie  
Assistant to the Membership Director

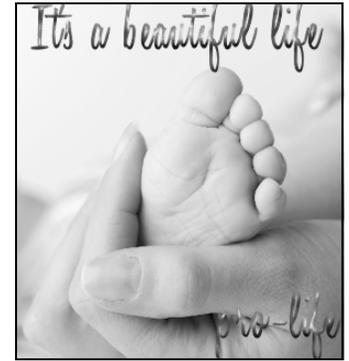
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## **PRO-LIFE MASS, PRAYER RALLY**

Brothers,

I would like to take this time to share two important events with you.

On Sunday, January 22, 2012 the State Pro-Life Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral will take place at 10:15 a.m. Archbishop Dolan will be the Celebrant of the Holy Mass. I am asking all to please plan to arrive and line up by 9:50 a.m. so we can proceed in at 10:00 a.m. I ask that all Fourth Degree Honor Guard and District Deputies attend so they may lead the procession into the Cathedral. For more information please contact me via email at [pgkfdd@optonline.net](mailto:pgkfdd@optonline.net).



On, Tuesday, March 13, 2012 we will be joining the New York State Catholic Conference for our Prayer Rally. We will assemble at the Hart Theatre, The Egg in Albany at 11:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary for the success of those meeting with the state lawmakers. We will proceed from the Egg at 1:00 p.m. hosting a Rosary Procession allowing prayer along the way to Mass which will be held at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The time is now to show our support for our Bishops and Priests. We ask that all Catholics across New York attend this very important day. We all know how to talk the talk, now let's walk the walk for our rights as Catholics.

Martin Ryan  
Pro-Life, Prayer Rally Chairman

***St. Pius X Knights of Columbus were busy in October. On October 2nd we were part of the life chain on Niagara Falls Blvd. Pictured are Fr. O'Connor (Pastor at St. Pius X Church), Vicky Woodworth (Parish Director for the Unborn), and John Kelly (Council Director for the Unborn) along with several Knights and some women from the parish.***



# NYSOC Soccer Challenge Winners

The New York State Soccer Challenge was held on Sunday, November 13, 2011 at the US Military Academy at West Point, New York. Listed below are the winners!

| <b>AGE GROUP</b> | <b>NAME</b>        | <b>COUNCIL</b> | <b>SCORE</b> | <b>CITY</b>   |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Boy 10           | Benjamin Kogar     | 11064          | 235          | Clifton Park  |
| Girl 10          | Briana McGuire     | 1662           | 210          | Staten Island |
| Boy 11           | Andrew Shaw        | 10869          | 235          | Schenectady   |
| Girl 11          | Hailey Delany      | 1662           | 190          | Staten Island |
| Boy 12           | Nicholas Zangrillo | 2147           | 185          | Staten Island |
| Girl 12          | Madison Dumas      | 6136           | 190          | Mooers        |
| Boy 13           | Ian Bayer          | 7006           | 195          | Patchogue     |
| Girl 13          | Melany Adams       | 6136           | 240          | Mooers        |
| Boy 14           | Ryan Charette      | 10869          | 160          | Waterford     |
| Girl 14          | Cassandra Sanzotta | 6844           | 185          | Medford       |

A wonderful time was had by all. The host Grand Knight Chris Van Kleef and his Cadet Council members provided a spectacular barbeque for all!

Our State Warden Tom Tompkins joined in this great day as well as Thomas Gillin, Squires State Chairman, and Patrick Klein, State Chief Squire.



# Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries

## Day Retreats

Father Richard Bretone will provide DAY retreats to re-educate Catholics on the Eucharist and more. The retreat house is located at 486 Route 55, Eldred NY, 12732.

For more information, contact Father Bretone at:

Eternal Flame of Hope Headquarters  
74-18 Ditmars Blvd., NY 11370  
718-636-3584 or 718-274-4919

Please support

## The Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation

The M&ECF was founded by the State of New York in response to the Catholic Bishops concerns.

The M&ECF supports young women who want to keep their babies and provides education and health services for the young mother and child.

For more information go to: [WWW.mecfny.org](http://WWW.mecfny.org)

The M&ECF needs our support! Councils, Chapters, Assemblies, and Columbiettes are asked to send their donations, large or small to:

M&ECF  
40 North Main Avenue  
Albany, New York 12203

## Honoring our Veterans

The 4th Degree Assembly #0750 organized a trip to the Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, NY, in honor of Veteran's Day. Council Members from Kingston Council #275 joined in the ceremony performed by the American Legion Honor Guard. It was an honor for them to spend the day with these men and women who served their country with dignity.



Photos and article submitted by Tom Lonergan PGK, FDD  
Kingston Council #275



Brother Knights from Father John G. Seyfried Council march proudly in the Kings Park Veteran's Day Parade.



**Our Worthy State Deputy, Sal Restivo, is being interviewed for a Public Access Staten Island Television Show at Stozenhaler Council, Staten Island.**

*Happy Thanksgiving to all!*

Jesus, thank you for loving us;  
And providing food, shelter,  
and each other.

Every moment of our lives is a gift;

And we appreciate all the time  
You have given us.

Thank you for all our good fortune.

Amen.





## Knights Honor Veterans at VAMC Canandaigua

By James G Traves, Knights of Columbus

Members of the Knights of Columbus, Finger Lakes Chapter gathered on the Eleventh day of November at VAMC Canandaigua to honor veterans and their families in a very special ceremony. The Missing Man Table was set, and the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard carried in the hats of the five military services and one civilian hat. They were followed by the Color Guard. Three candles, red, white and blue were lit in memory of those who died in the service of the nation. Salutes were rendered and the Knights in their regalia departed.

Sir Knight Arthur J. Harris, one of the Directors on the Supreme Council, spoke about how Veterans Day came about. Originally, the holiday was called Armistice Day as of November 11th, 1919 to honor all those lost in World War I, then referred to as "The Great War". In 1938, Armistice Day became a legal holiday to honor veterans of the WWI. On June 28th, 1954, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In a solemn moment, the bagpiper played taps to conclude the ceremony. Refreshments followed.





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October 13, 2011

Brothers of the New York State Council:

The Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree has announced an initiative to support our troops. To support priestly vocations for the military, the Supreme Council has established the Military Chaplain's Scholarships. These scholarships are reserved exclusively for Seminarians who will serve both their home diocese and the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA.

Vice Supreme Master, Ed Castellazzi and I have teamed up to support this new venture. We ask that the brothers in New York State lend their support to this worthy initiative. We are asking every Council, chapter and assembly to donate monies to this cause. The Supreme Council has asked us to commit to a five year support plan and we believe that the brothers of New York are up to the task.

Past State Deputy and Vice Supreme Master Ed, has agreed to be the coordinator for New York. Please make your check payable to: The Knights of Columbus and write Military Scholarships in the memo. Mail all checks to:

Edward Castellazzi, PSD, VSM,  
16 Orchard Drive  
Wappinger Falls, New York 12590

Adding our support to this worthy cause we will not only support vocations but will support our troops in spiritual and practical ways. Our troops receiving the sacraments and counseling at very crucial times in their lives is our focus with this new program. What better time or situation in one's life is there to have a priest? Our troops deserve the best and we need to insure that they are afforded the benefit of priestly services. Your contributions will help this great effort.

Ed and I thank you for your dedication and your generosity in this and all worthy causes.

Sincerely Yours,

Salvatore A. Restivo  
State Deputy

Edward F. Castellazzi, PSD  
Vice Supreme Master

ONE NATION, UNDER GOD



# The Squires Circle



*Esto Dignus*

*Be Worthy*

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**Associate State Father Prior - - Rev. Dennis Nikoli**  
**Associate State Brother Prior - - Brother Peter Heiskell**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PSD, SUPREME DIRECTOR ART HARRIS

Worthy Brother Knights of the New York State Council:

On behalf of Marlene and myself, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you, your councils, chapters and conferences for your overwhelming support these past two years as your State Deputy. But most of all, for all of you that took part in honoring us at my recent testimonial on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I have been proud to serve you and the Knights of Columbus during my tenure. It is with gratitude, humility, and a love for the Knights of Columbus that I am able to serve the order. The trust, confidence, and responsibility that you have bestowed upon me is overwhelming. It only serves to renew my commitment to our Order. With my newest appointment as Supreme Director I have been re-energized to work to exceed your expectations for the future of our state and the order.

Thus, I found what was the theme of my administration... continues to be a call to service for us all...it is a call for each of us to "Seek the Knight Within"..... if we do that... if we look inside ourselves, and inside the principles of our Order, to find the better angels of ourselves... if each one of us individually and together as a Council, Chapter or Conference... will "Seek the Knight Within"... my brothers.... The Order will be a renewed force for good that exceeds the very Vision of Fr. Michael J. McGivney... for we will bring forth the best that each of us has to offer. I believe in my heart, in the better angels and Catholic values that dwell in each and every one of us.

Thank You - Thank you all so very much.

Respectfully yours,

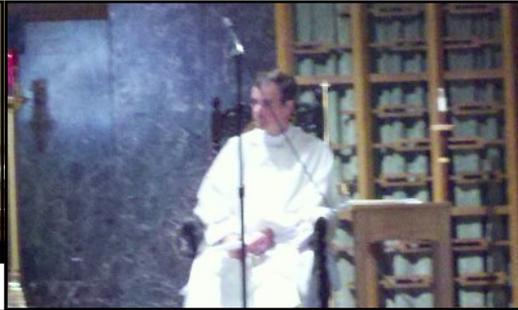
Arthur J. Harris, PSD

Supreme Director





Immaculate Conception Installation



State Deputy Sal Restivo Installs Squires



PSD Testimonial for Art Harris

State Treasurer Chuck Ardillo Installs Squires



State Advocate Mike Stephany Installs Squires



A trip to the North Country to do some training (above 3 pictures).

State Deputy Sal Restivo addresses audience at PGK Testimonial

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**I look forward to  
hearing from you.**

**Rich Elias, PGK, FDD  
Assistant to the  
State Deputy**