



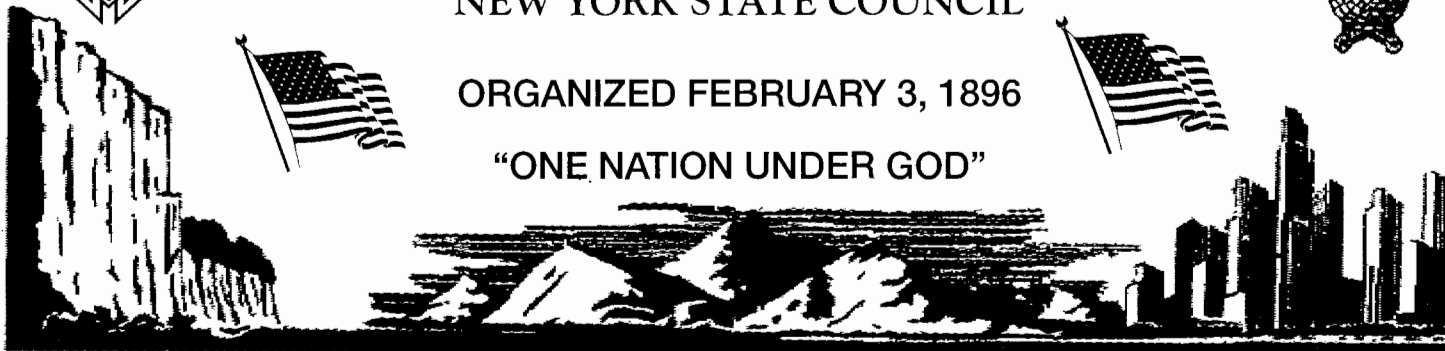
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From the State Deputy...

Thomas E. Dwyer



My Brother Knights:

“BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT BEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOURSELVES”

Epistle of St. James 1-22

From Baptism through our degrees in the Order, the above has been part of our life. We Knights in most cases, have been following this “advice” many years for the protection of our Church and betterment of our community. I am going to ask you to now, go one step further. Read the article below and act on it

Sign Up Speak Up

Join The Catholic Advocacy Network

The Catholic Advocacy Network educated Catholics on the social teachings of the Church and the public policy positions of the bishops. It alerts Catholics to breaking legislative developments when action is needed. And it provides Catholics with simple tools to enable them to quickly and efficiently email, phone or write their representatives on matters of concern.

You can join immediately by visiting www.nycatholic.org, clicking “Join the Network” and completing the form provided. There is no cost to join and your name and contact information will not be shared with any other lists. It is hoped the network will operate mainly by electronic means as it’s faster and more economical than direct mail. They will even provide you with sample letters you can simply sign and send to your legislators with a click of your mouse. It’s time for Catholics to be heard on the issues that concern us. Here’s your chance, so, JOIN UP/ SPEAK UP!

From L.I. Catholic by Kathleen Gallagher in “Another View”

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Associate State Chaplain’s Message...

Fr. Brian E. McWeeney

My Brother Knights,

The month of April sees the ancient and yet ever present Paschal Mystery remembered. Palm Sunday recalls the triumph entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The crowd was comprised of many who had heard Him preach. He was the fulfillment of the prophetic vision of the Messiah. What hunger they had experienced in their daily existence! He had shared with them not only loaves and fish but also the Word of Life. As He was borne on the back of a beast of burden so He would bear the burden of them all. But this would not be until He would give us a precious example and a gift.

Not unaware of the plotting of others and the shortness of His time on earth Jesus wished to celebrate the Passover with His apostles. Before they would participate in the ancient ritual, the Teacher would give a lesson in service. Performing a task restricted to the lowest household slave: washing the feet of guests the Master mandates that those who follow Him must serve one another. As Knights of Columbus we must take this command seriously. No one should be excluded from our care. Family and strangers as well have call on our time, talent and treasure.

To encourage and assist us in the evangelization of the world and the distribution of charity the Lord gives Himself to us. His body and blood nourishes our soul. As men pledged to be in solidarity with our priests and bishops we must especially pray for vocations and support our seminarians so that the “source and summit of our Christian life” will be celebrated everywhere.

The events of Good Friday portrayed so powerfully in the Gospels show us the infinite love of God for us. Jesus was willing to suffer every indignity for us. His death causes the reconciliation of the Creator and His creation. The floodgates of grace are opened and heaven is once again the destiny possible for all who live in the “Way, the Truth, and the Life.” And as if that were not enough the Crucified Son bestowed on us: Mary as our Mother. As Knights, we pledge ourselves to her as our Queen.

The grave is not the end for the Son of Man. By the power of the Father the bonds of death are broken. The apparent failure of the cross is overshadowed by the triumph of the empty tomb. In the course of time each one of us have had to bear great sorrows,
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FAMILY OF THE YEAR - #7629



Broadalbin Council presented Family of the Year Award to GK Joseph Gardone, Jr. and his wife Pat. They've exemplified the Creed of Columbianism, Church, Fraternalism and Charity. He has served as DD for 4 years was FN of Assemb. #2505. Making the presentation is DGK John Stack.

(St. Deputy cont.)

Don't put it off. Join up NOW! Our faith may depend on it! We can also give the information to other Catholics who are not yet in our great Order. We can also work on making them members as we show them what we are all about.

We've entered the last quarter of this Columbian year and maybe we can all add a bit of energy to our recruiting efforts. Talk to your pastor about our Order and explain the advantages a Knights of Columbus Council can bring to a parish. Remember, Fr. McGivney's idea was K of C councils in parishes. There are many Catholic men out there that do not know us. Let us strive to change that!

On behalf of our State Family, Peggy and I wish all of you in our N.Y. State Council a Holy and Happy Easter.

Love,
Tom and Peggy

May the Risen Lord strengthen your faith, renew your hope and fill your heart with love at Easter and always.

(Associate St. Chaplain cont.)

let us be aware that God will accompany us through time and will cause us to overcome them.

As Easter dawns, let us rejoice in the eternal life won for us, let us realize that as Christians we must do what the disciples did. They went with hearts burning and announced to all the Good News. As Knights of Columbus we must embody the life, death, and resurrection of the Christ.

May your life and that of your families be filled with the joy and hope of this holy time.

VIVAT JESUS
Fr. Brian

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
and COMMUNION
BREAKFAST...**

Patrick Rogers, PGK/FS

Baron DeKalb Council #1073 will celebrate the 100th Birthday of Past State Deputy Matthew F. Kennedy at their Communion Breakfast on 2 May 2004. Mass is in St. Mark's at 9:30 a.m. Better known as Matt, he was State Deputy in 1949 and 1950 and also served as Master of the 1st N.Y. District.

Donation - \$20.00.



April - Squires Month...

Charles D. Esposito, Squires/Youth Director

Each year, April is set aside by Supreme to honor the Squires program. The N.Y. State Circle will end the month long celebration with a Memorial Mass and a wreath laying at the grave site of the Squires founder, Brother Barnabas McDonald. It will be held at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne.

Some members may not be familiar with the Columbian Squires, the official youth organization of the K of C. It's a group dedicated to promoting leadership training of young Catholic men between ages of 10 - 18 around the world. Approximately 24,000 Squires belong to over 1,200 circles Order wide.

In 1923, Christian Brother McDonald, an expert in social welfare work with young people, was appointed to form an official youth group for the K of C by Supreme Knight James Flaherty. Bro. Barnabas developed the Squires and the Supreme Council Meeting adopted his plan in 1923. Circle #1, in Duluth, Minn., was instituted on 4 Aug. 1925 and N.Y. joined in 1926 when Buffalo Circle #4 was instituted in May.

Knights serving as counselors contribute greatly to the causes of circles and the development of Squires as Catholic leaders. Men who become counselors should be leaders themselves, enthusiastic and interested in our young people and what the future holds for them. Every circle has four main activity committees - membership, spiritual, community service and circle. Squires operate these committees under supervision of counselors.

Sponsoring a circle offers the opportunity to conduct meaningful youth programming that also satisfies Youth Activities for the Columbian Award. Circles also give a training ground for future Knights who upon turning 18 are eligible for K of C membership. Fathers of Squires who are not yet Knights are potential members. Parishes and communities benefit from having a circle in their midst, in that they'll be recipients of service programs conducted by the Squires. A circle will help young men who become Squires grow into leaders who have a deep love of their Christian faith.

If you don't sponsor a circle, this is a great chance to start or reactivate one. If your council has one, work with the Squires to set up a slate of activities for this month's celebration: Special Investiture ceremony, Father Prior or pastor recognition night or open house or counselor appreciation night. Remember, your council can help keep the K of C strong, getting young men interested in Columbianism by sponsoring a circle.

SQUIRES HONOR BISHOP DAILY

Each year the N.Y. State Circle picks an individual to honor in its annual convention journal ad book. This year the State Squire Officers chose to honor Bishop Thomas V. Daily, retired Bishop of Brooklyn and Supreme Chaplain. Bishop Daily is also a former Columbian Squire.

All GK's, DD's, Assemblies, Columbiettes, Ladies Auxiliaries, Squire Circles, Chapter & Conference Chairmen have received a letter asking for donations or ads for the annual Squires journal. This is the one big fund raiser the State Circle runs each year. Only with your support is this project a success. The cost of the ads is as follows:

Gold Page \$125 – Full Page \$100
Half Page \$60 – Quarter Page \$35
Business Card \$25 – Booster Line \$1

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(Squire's Month cont.)

We are asking councils sponsoring bingo games to please take out a full-page ad or better in the book. The State Circle is an organization that can accept charitable donations, so please be generous. The **deadline for ads is 1 May (or K of C convention)**. Please make checks out to the: N.Y. State Circle of Columbian Squires and send along with copy to Michael Meloni, State Deputy Chief Squire - 21 - 17 23rd Ave. - Astoria, NY 11105.

Help the Squires make this the biggest and best Ad Journal in their history. The State Circle depends on this to help expand its list of programs. It is also a great way to thank Bishop Daily for his service to the people of the Diocese of Brooklyn as well as all the Knights in N.Y. State.

**RECRUIT
&
RETAIN**

Reach for the Stars...

C & B - 2004 – Jack Ferrarotti, Director

C&B 2004 will start soon across N.Y. State and as announced, you will see changes. You'll see a new look for the posters and books; monetary prizes in the Quick-Start on 25 July and biggest change, the final drawing prizes on 4 December '04.

Our theme this year is, "REACH FOR THE STARS," with a goal of 100,000 books. The committee will set up kickoff meetings and distributing the books and posters to every council in the State, depending on local charity drives. Here are our changes.

QUICK-START (25 July)

Prizes distributed based on the (3) Major Conferences

1st Prize - \$400.00 each - Total \$1,200

2nd Prize - \$250.00 each - Total \$750

3rd Prize - \$100.00 Each - Total \$300

FINAL DRAWING (4 December)

FIRST PRIZE - \$25,000

SECOND PRIZE - \$10,000

THIRD PRIZE - \$5,000

(10) (Consolation prizes \$1,000 each)

Get to know who your local C & B committee teams are, as they can answer any questions you have. Just remember, to reach our goal of 100,000 BOOKS SOLD, we must all work together and

REACH FOR THE STARS

BRAG A LITTLE - OFTEN!!

Reactivating Councils...

Richard A. Mlyniec, Chairman

Taking Them One Step at a Time!

I receive a listing of councils experiencing problems, pending suspension or suspended from Supreme. I send copies of these lists to COB of DD's and Minor Conf. Membership Coordinators. Plus, the COB has a copy of the New Council Development and Existing Council Reactivation Procedures to help in working out this problem. Solve the problems of these councils as a TEAM, don't just make the assigned DD do all the work.

As of Jan. '04 the numbers are not getting better than from July '03. To date, according to Supreme, we've 209 inactive councils, meaning they have NO membership activities. Of the 209...54 are suspended, 12 are experiencing problems, and 23 are pending suspension...the rest are doing nothing. Amazing to me, 11 of the suspended councils are less than 10 years old. It's not good; plus it is embarrassing. We know these councils have problems filling officer positions, with no programs and in financial difficulties, have not recruited a new member in some time. There's no infusion of new ideas or new blood. I wish to propose the following process and we may begin to solve some of these problems. ATTN. GK's & DD's.

First, let's look at councils experiencing problems or pending suspension. And, work on councils one at a time in your area so not to overburden your DD's and Membership Team. Get a success story and use it as a springboard to get other councils moving in the right direction. I suggest using a combination of ideas used in forming a new council and reactivating an existing one.

FIRST step - do your homework or research on council you want to help. Learn its history, talk to FDDs who have worked with the council and others in your conference who have knowledge of this council. Find out what has gone right; then look at the perception as to what is going wrong. Get a PULSE of the council. What is its WORTHY PURPOSE? Who's in control? Is it one-man's agenda? Do cliques run it? Does it seem all active Knights are involved in its decision-making? Or does it appear no one has a clue and most members are apathetic? Check the ages of council members, using a current roster, which can be obtained from Supreme. How old are the members? It can give you an idea as to the vitality of the membership. Be sure to go into the problem with some background knowledge. Nothing is more embarrassing than trying to help a council that you have no clue as to what you are up against.

SECOND step - talk to current GK and Chaplain of the council. Keep in mind, you don't want to do anything behind the GK's back. Let him know what you are doing and looking for. When you meet with the GK, ask him the following:

1. Why was the council formed?
2. Is it still the reason it exists?
3. What has changed and why, and why the change?
4. What is his vision for the council?
5. What's going right and/or wrong in the council?
6. Do they have a Chaplain who attends the meetings, and is he active?
7. Who attends meetings, are they active?
8. How many members attend and support council events?

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(Reactivating cont.)

9. Are the members' families involved?
10. When you hold the special council meeting, who should be invited?

When you meet with the Pastor/Chaplain, ask him the same questions, plus the following: (if there isn't one, it's the first problem).

1. What is his role in the council?
2. What has council done for him or the Church?
3. Is he supportive of the council's existence?

This should give you a beginning as to gaining a pulse on the problems facing the council and the Team. Remember, you are trying to help the council survive and become vibrant again, so getting as much information as possible is the key to success. The next steps in the process will be covered in the next E.S.B. QUESTIONS? Feel free to contact me - rmlyniec@aol.com and use the words council reactivation in your message. Or you can call me at (845) 838-2810 or (585) 237-2077.

VIVAT JESU.
Fraternally, Rick

Aiding Our Schools...

Albany Council #173 recently awarded gifts to six elementary schools in Albany as part of a continuing effort supporting Catholic Education. This year's awards equal a doubling of those given the past four years. The awards support or enhance programs not fully covered in the annual budget of the institutions. \$1,000 checks were given to each school. #173 also renders other forms of assistance to the schools.



l to r: Frank Vedder, GK; Brother Jason Lody, OFM, St. James; Sr. Patricia Mary Lynch, RSM, Blessed Sacrament; Mrs. Theresa Ewell, St. Catherine of Sienna; Sister Patricia Houlihan, RSM, St. Teresa of Avila; Sr. Mary Ellen Owens, RSM, Holy Cross; Mr. James A. Leveskas, St. Casimir and James Byron, DD.

#3689 Honors PGK...



Bellmore Council on Long Island, held a testimonial for PGK Anthony Ferro and his wife Joanne in January. l to r: Anthony Preziosi, State Secretary; the honoree, PGK Ferro with his wife Joanne, and Kevin Coleman of #3689.



New York State Council...

Mary Ann Houghtaling, President

FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATION

The NYS Council Columbiettes will celebrate our 50th Anniversary at the Annual Convention June 4, 5, 6, 2004 at the Villa Roma Resort. We are preparing a special anniversary journal for this event. If you are interested in taking an ad, for sharing some highlights from the past 50 years or just sending some congratulations to all for the next 50 years, you may do so by contacting our Journal Chairperson: Past St. President, Rose Marie Oliveri, 2 Hawthorne St., Farmingdale, NY 11735. Deadline May 1, 2004.

On behalf of the N.Y. State Board of Columbiettes Officers; Mary Ann, Rose, Anne, Micki, Donna, Joan, Joan, Jeanne and all Past Presidents, we wish all of our Clergy, Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, Ladies Auxiliaries, Squires and Squirettes and their families a Blessed and Holy Easter Season.

Micki Magee, Secretary
N.Y. State Columbiettes

#11749 PGK Dinner...

Msgr. Richard K. Burns Council, held its first PGK Dinner to honor their first four Grand Knights and host the annual Awards Program. PSD Ray Pfeifer was the guest speaker and Regional Program Consultant, FSD Grant Ertel issued the "Shining Armor Award" to two council members. St. Training Director Arthur Harris, council member, MC'd the affair.



L to r: PSD Pfeifer, FSD Ertel, PGK Dan McBride, Chaplain Father Frats, PGK Steve Slattery, PGK Greg Goater, GK John Hayes and Director Harris. PGK Mike Murray is missing.



Congrats to: Timothy and Connie Marlow of Chateaugay. #469 on being selected as a "Family of the Month" in Dec. and to Ed and Pam Manassa #1073 in Brooklyn AND Joe and Deborah Blizard, Jr. #3689 in Bellmore, winners in Jan. We sent in 9 entries in Nov., 10 in Dec. And 9 in Jan...SUNDAY 2 May is "WORLD DAY of VOCATIONS." PRAY ALWAYS FOR VOCATIONS!...Feast of Divine Mercy is 18 Apr....St. Catherine of Siena Feast Day is 29 Apr...Would you like to help Eternal Word TV Network??? Their address is:

5817 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, AL 35210-9948

WEAR OUR ORDER'S EMBLEM – KNOW WHAT IT MEANS

Memorial Golf Outing...

Rockaway Council #2672 held its annual Richie Knott Memorial Golf Outing in September '03. The proceeds of the event went to Cathedral Preparatory HS. in Elmhurst, Queens.



I to r: Co-Chairman of event, PGK/FDD Frank Bagley; Msgr. Martin Geraghty, Pastor of St. France De Sales; Fr. Joe Calise, Principal of Cathedral Prep, receiving a \$6,200.00 check from GK Larry Kelly and in the rear, Richie Knott, PGK and Dennis Sugrue.

High School Scholarships...

Thomas A. Boslet, Chairman

In previous issues we've written about the N.Y.S. Council Scholarship Program for those entering a Catholic H.S. Time is running out brothers. **The application deadline is 15 April 2004.**

Applicants **MUST** be a son, daughter, grandchild or legal ward of a Knight, living or deceased, in good standing. To qualify, the child must enter Catholic H.S. in September '04. Completed applications **MUST** be postmarked by **15 April 2004, NO LATER**, and mailed to Harold F. Granger, PSD, at N.Y. State K of C office. Phone (718) 225-3387/3388, (address on p. 2 of this issue). Applications are available from me, state office and in Youth/Squires Program book given to GK's. On Grant applications please highlight the word "grant" on the cover page.

QUESTIONS? → 176 Hawthorne St., Vestal, NY 13850, (607) 748-9927 – tboslet@yahoo.com.

124 councils and 6 assemblies gave \$109,970 to RSVP in 2003, \$4,500 by #350 in Clayton – \$4,000 by #2622 in Valley Stream \$3,500 by #3076 in Kenmore – \$3,000 each, #259 in Watertown #2176 in Brasher Falls – \$2,500 each, #3476 in Seaford, #4651 in Lk. Ronkonkoma, #6893 in E. Northport – \$2,260 by #7266 in Marlboro – \$2,000 each, #126 in Brooklyn #468 in Huntington, #1495 in Brewster, #3057 in Old Forge. 13 councils gave \$1,000 – 6 gave \$1,500 – 2 gave \$1,200 – 1 gave \$1,800...N.Y. State held 370 events attended by 10,200 participants during the 2002-03 "Marian Hour of Prayer Program which ended 8 Sept.... Have you thanked your parish priest for being there, lately???

PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES

New Council Development...

Dominick J. Romano, Chairman

The first and foremost step to be taken in the formation of a new council is, ASK THE PASTOR if he is willing to allow the formation of a council within his parish.

If this sounds familiar, it certainly is. It's the very same approach we take to add men to our Order – ASK HIM TO JOIN. In either case, if we do not ask, we neither gain a new member, nor do we start a new council.

In stating a new council, it has usually been left to the DD to initiate that first meeting with a pastor. Does it have to be left to the DD to start this process? While it has advantages if the DD were to ask for that first meeting with the pastor (dignity of his office, probable greater knowledge of the Order, etc.) it's not the sole responsibility of the DD to start a new council. ALL MEMBERS CAN INITIATE THE PROCESS FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW COUNCIL.

Keep in mind, the DD is very busy with the district functions of 4/6 councils, his conference, and State activities. While he is all-important for the actual formation of a new council in his district, others can start the process and inform the DD of their activities. In this way many additional members are brought into the process, and perhaps know the local parish and pastor more personally than the DD.

All members are encouraged to review the situation in his own parish. If the parish does not have a K of C presence, or isn't already affiliated with a council, the parish should be considered eligible to start a new council. Discuss the situation with other members, your GK, and DD. Keep in mind, the objective is to identify parishes that are suitable for a new council, then start the process.

There are many materials and forms available to assist in this work. I've gotten just about everything needed, and it's available to you for the asking. We have hundreds of parishes in N.Y. state that would welcome the opportunity to have a council established in the parish. Kindly consider your parish for this possibility. You can contact me anytime for material or information.

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dmrom@msn.com.

Recognize Your District Deputy...

"A GUIDE, MONITOR and FRIEND." Probably, he is the first person a Grand Knight turns to for advice if a problem arises. The Dist. Dep. represents the Supreme Knight and State Deputy and is a most important part of our Order. Unfortunately, he is taken for granted quite often, especially at the May Annual State Meeting. He gets no stipend from State or Supreme for State Meeting expenses. Many councils contribute something to their DD's to help defray the costs of attending the Meeting.

Council #173 and District #69...



Albany Council and Dist. #69 recently completed their annual Free Throw Contest at St. Teresa of Avila. Jim Byron, DD; Frank Vedder, GK; Tim Wyld and Bill Conboy (all in photo) and many other volunteers gave their time.

Family Life...

Joseph Marchia, Chairman

As we approach our final quarter of this Columbian year, I can report we have seen more activity in support of our "Family of the Month/Year" program. To be part of this program, all you have to do is select a deserving member and his family in your council. I'm quite sure all councils in our Order have at least one family they would like to pay tribute to by selecting them as the "Family of the Month."

If your council can't support this program monthly, consider doing it quarterly, semi-annually or annually. As the saying goes, "You must be in it to win it." This stands true for Family Life. Become active in this program and watch how it will grow from month to month. To the councils who have been supporting our Family Programs. **THANK YOU.** Continue to send your entries to Supreme and a copy to me, so we can select a "Family of the Year" for N.Y. State. That family will be invited to and honored at our Annual State Meeting in May. They will also be eligible to be selected as Supreme "Family of the Year," at the Supreme Council Meeting in Texas.

PLEASE KEEP "FAMILY LIFE IN YOUR COUNCIL"
VIVAT JESUS, Joe

APRIL...Shoot For The Star...

Don't wait 'til the end of the fraternal year. NOW IS THE TIME to make Star. Have a church drive at local parishes. Know what your membership and insurance quotas are. Schedule 1st Deg. right away and get that paperwork to Supreme - #365, #1728 and #SP7. Involvement in at least four (4) programs in the 5 activities - Church, Community, Council, Family or Youth. PER CAPITA MUST Be Up To Date.

Ed O'Toole

State Training Committee...

Art Harris, State Director

– Part II – History of the New York State Council –

In the fall of 1895, N.Y. State became eligible to be classified as a State Jurisdiction, but it was not until 3 Feb. 1896, that the first State Council was organized. On that date, the delegates from the nine councils then in existence in N.Y. met in the Wilson Building on Fulton Street in Brooklyn. There they completed a plan of organization and elected the following officers:

State Deputy, John J. Delaney - New York Council #124.

State Secretary, Frank J. Griffin - Almirante Council #143.

State Treasurer, James P. Maloney - Christopher Council #130.

State Advocate, Charles A. Webber - America Council #135.

State Warden, Capt. James P. White - Christopher Council #130.

St. Chaplain Rev. William B. Farrell - Christopher Council #130.

No representatives to the National Council were selected at this meeting, as the old system of Government still prevailed. Each of the councils was entitled to send two representatives, and at the meeting of the Board of Government in 1896, they voted to amend the Constitution to provide for representation by delegates elected by State Councils. At the meeting of the State Council in N.Y.C. in 1897, New York was entitled to three elected representatives on the basis of an associate and insurance membership of 2,785, and that meeting had the privilege of electing the first representatives to the National Council.

Immediately after the elections, St. Deputy. Delaney appointed Cornelius F. Collins, District Deputy for N.Y. and William A. Prendergast, DD for Brooklyn. They were N.Y. State's first District Deputies.

* Excerpt from: "**History of the Knights of Columbus in New York State.**"

The rest is history and a great one at that of our great State and all the accomplishments that we have given this great Order over the years. Go out and get a copy of that book and become as proud as I have of our great history.

Art

LADIES LUNCHEON in KUTSHERS...

at the annual N.Y. State K of C Meeting on 7 May 2004. A check or baby present (newborn to one year) will admit you to the luncheon. Anyone not attending the State Meeting can send a donation to: Mrs. Rosemary Connolly - 34-40 85th Street, Jackson Hts., NY 11372. A lady from each council planning to attend, is asked to write to Rosemary with names of the ladies coming from their council. Checks should be made out to the New York State Council Knights of Columbus. The ladies of the State Council Family will create theme baskets for the raffle to be held during the luncheon.

Love and prayers,
Peggy Dwyer

Humane Action...

John H. Dengler, Chairman

Have you seen the bumper sticker, **Random Acts of Kindness?** It is a positive message, which brings a smile to our lips, but should have a particular message for the Knights of Columbus. It should remind us to reach out to others in little ways, using our hands to help others.

I am positive you are doing good things for people each day. If you are working in an activity benefitting others, and wearing our emblem, you are sending a message that we are nurturing the humanity of others.

Your kind acts, no matter how simple, are acts of Humane Action. This positive activity reflects well on our Order and is the type of advertisement that attracts practical Catholic men to become aware of us and to eventually join the Knights of Columbus. What are your councils doing? What are individuals doing? Please let me know so that we can encourage others.

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+ IN MEMORIAM +

Former State Membership Director R. David Carhart passed away suddenly on 26 January 2004. He was a native of Minoa. He was a H.S. math teacher, department supervisor, principal and earned a Master's Degree from Syracuse University. Dave was a 4th Degree Knight. God rest his soul.

ETCETERA... "MARIAN HELPER" the magazine of Association of Marian Helpers, had a fine four page story about the Knights bringing the "Divine Mercy" prayer hour across North America. The cover shows Fourth Degree Knights processing with the Divine Mercy image down the main aisle of a church. — Giving a check for RSVP? That's not the only part of the program. Also involved is personal contact, notes of encouragement and invitations to council affairs. — Watch over our troops Lord and bring them home safely and grant us peace in the world. — 6 April is ARMY Day —

Information needed on any of our programs???

College Council → Thomas Tompkins, (845) 462-1844; Roundtable → Daniel Keenan (845) 562-9353; Awards/Report Forms → Michael Stephany (585) 538-2972; Catholic Advocacy → Joseph Peluso (718) 383-5845; Pro-Life → Francis Boccabella (718) 738-8653; Drug/Alcohol Abuse → Ken Latham, Jr. (718) 649-7266; Athletics/Golf Tournament → Jim Connors (518) 273-1147; **Membership Questions** → Director Castellazzi (845) 297-3936.

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Associate State Chaplain...

from John Ryan



When you attend our Annual State Meeting in May, please take time to congratulate Msgr. Paul Whitmore, our Associate State Chaplain, on the 50th Anniversary of his priesthood. Msgr. Whitmore was ordained on 22 May 1954. He is pastor of St. Martin's in Port Leyden and St. John's in Lyons Falls (north of Utica and Syracuse and east of Lake Ontario) and after 48 years as a Knight,

he is a member of South Lewis Council #7794 in Constableville. Our St. Deputy Tom Dwyer became familiar with Monsignor when he was chaplain of Bishop Wadhams Council #469 in Chateaugay, Msgr. says the thing he values most in being a part of the Knights of Columbus is "being part of the goals, programs and fellowship of a great organization of Catholic men and women."

The bi-monthly column, which he writes for the Empire State Bulletin, reflects his wonderful ability to impart his love for and understanding of his faith. Msgr. Whitmore has a M.A. Degree in English language and Literature from the Univ. of Michigan and a Ph.D. in English and American literature from Fordham University. From 1957 - 1975 and again from 1977 to 1980 he was a Professor of English and Music at Wadhams Hall Seminary College in Ogdensburg. If you've ever heard him play the piano you'll understand why he served as Head of the Diocesan Music Commission of the Clergy and the College of Consultors.

The State Officers and staff are enjoying every minute they are with Msgr. Whitmore. Appointing him as an Associate State Chaplain has to be one of State Deputy Dwyer's best moves.

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