

# Empire State Bulletin

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## From the State Deputy Arthur J. Harris



My Brother Knights,

As with many of my articles this year, I continue this month with another recruiting theme.

Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu once said "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." I use this quote because a great Knight of Columbus can begin by recruiting a Columbian Squire. This is the, most long-term and effective way to garner new members: Recruit them to be Columbian Squires! As the official youth program of the Knights of Columbus, the Columbian Squires provides a gateway into the Order for young Catholic men. Recruiting young men to be Squires allows a Council or Assembly to have as many as 9 years to train a young man to be a great Knight! It permits sponsoring Councils or Assemblies to simply have their "aging" Squires fill out a Form 100 so that they can take the next step in their Knights of Columbus journey.

Founded in 1925, the Squires program has a long and successful history. It never ceases to amaze me, however, that so many Knights either have misconceptions about the program or no idea that the Squires pro-

gram even exists. There are over 1,400 Columbian Squire Circles in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Panama, Cuba, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and on U.S. military bases abroad. The goals of a Columbian Squires Circle are to improve its members spiritually, culturally, civically, and physically, as well as developing qualities of leadership. To find such an organization for Catholic young men between the ages of 10 and 18 is the dream of any parent, pastor, and yes, Council or Assembly. The potential of the Squires program is not always recognized, however. Efforts in establishing, promoting and supporting these young men do nothing but groom the Knights and Catholic leaders of tomorrow. For example, our current State Secretary Kenneth Latham and our Communications Director Thomas Freundsuh are former Squires and State Circle Squire officers.

Frequently, Councils or Assemblies focus on the fact that they or their parish already support a youth ministry and/or scouting program and that they should not start a new program that

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would "compete." This is not the case. A program can be a wonderful complement to any parish youth ministry program. A Columbian Squires Circle can offer the young men of a parish yet one more avenue to work, socialize and practice their faith with other Catholic young men. It can help them grow to be Catholic leaders. Likewise, a Catholic Scout may be eager to join an organization like the Squires where he can further serve his community and parish while further developing his leadership skills in the presence of other Catholic young men. Many young men have this "dual membership" in the Scouts and Squires.

It should be noted that the founder of the Columbian Squires, Brother Barnabas McDonald, was also very active in the Boy Scouts of America. In fact, the "Brother Barnabas Founder's Award" is still presented by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Recognizing that not all young men will be attracted to Scouting, the Squires program provides them with another excellent option.

Can there be any better way to recruit a Knight than to recruit a Squire? I am one who is praying that there are many single steps by many Columbian Squires leading to many miles of Knight-

hood.

More information on the Columbian Squires can be obtained from the State Council's Administrative State Chairman for Squires, Michael Galgano at:

[mjgalgano@yahoo.com](mailto:mjgalgano@yahoo.com)

Fraternally yours,



Arthur J. Harris  
State Deputy

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## State Program Director

Bill Ratzsch

Having just returned for the District Deputies training meeting in Rochester, NY, many different statements and themes were used however the one that stayed in my thoughts the most was:

### **ACTIVITIES = SUCCESS**

I felt that ACTIVITIES was a word to describe PROGRAMS. So now the statement should be said

### **“PROGRAMS=SUCCESS”**

The more a Council has programs in place for its membership, the greater its membership

will be active, the more success the Council can achieve. This seems really simple but sadly that is not true or our membership would be growing at a record high. Many Councils fail to schedule regular programs for many reasons: not enough attendance, who will run them, what type of program interests my Council, tried in the past but was unsuccessful.

A suggestion would be to appoint a Program Director at the Council level, in fact there is a charge written into the Installation of Council Officers for the position of Program Director. He is charged with the task to “Organize, Inspire, Encourage,

and assist his fellow members to Participate Actively and Regularly in his Council's and Order's Programs”.

I encourage all Grand Knights and District Deputies to charge a member of his Council or District with such a position and then maybe we can all say.

### **ACTIVITIES=SUCCESS**

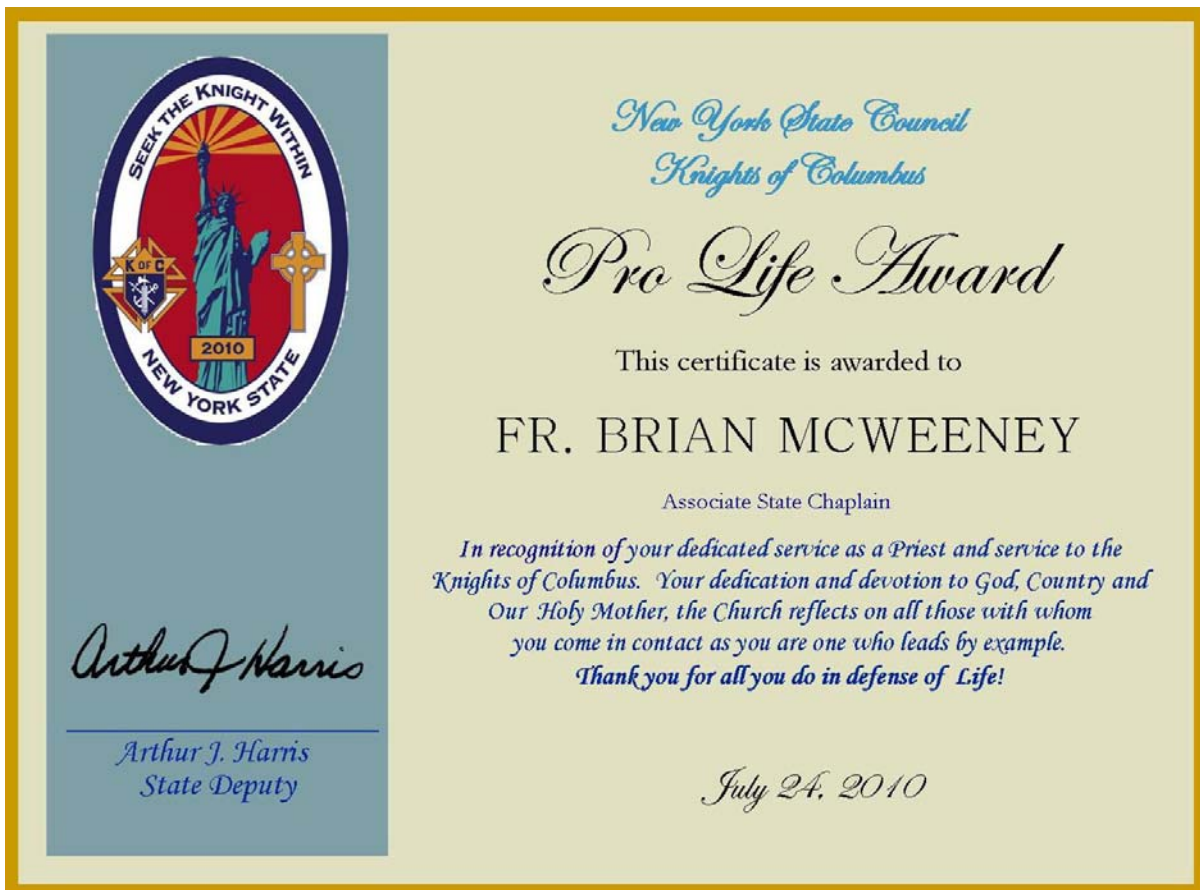
Bill Ratzsch,  
State Program Director



## A Special Award for a very special man!

At the Indoctrination Meeting for District Deputies held on July 24th 2010, the Inaugural New York State Council Pro-Life Award was presented to Associate State Chaplain Fr. Brian McWeeney.

In his acceptance remarks, a tearful, yet thankful Fr. McWeeney, spoke with an authoritative voice in recognizing the Knights for all we do in so many facets of life, in the eyes of God, our Holy Father, and the venerable Michael J. McGivney.





## EARLY BIRD DRAWING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010 – 1:00 to 5:00P.M.  
 AT  
 MSGR. BURKE/ROCKAWAY COUNCIL #2672  
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 333 BEACH 90TH STREET  
 ROCKAWAY BEACH, N.Y. 11693

This part of the program is designed to award the sellers for the participation during the early stages of the C&B Program. The prizes are as follows:

### PRIZES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON THE (3) MAJOR CONFERENCES

1ST PRIZE.....\$750.00 Each - Total \$2,250.00  
 2ND PRIZE.....\$500.00 Each - Total \$1,500.00  
 3RD PRIZE.....\$250.00 Each - Total \$ 750.00

Credit in books toward bonus will be given to the winning seller's council, **but only if the Council reaches bonus status will this be applied.** Based at \$7 per book 1st prize 110 books, 2nd prize 70 books and 3rd prize 35 books.

### TO BE ELIGIBLE THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

- Back covers will be used to determine winners.
- Sold books must be sent in with back covers filled in with \$7.00 for each book sold.
- All returns must be received prior to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 26, 2010.
  - Be sure back covers are filled out completely.
- A LOCAL COUNCIL'S or HOME CORPORATION'S name can not appear as the seller or purchaser of a book or ticket. If any such cover or ticket is drawn, it will be immediately disqualified and discarded.

**You have to be in it to win it!**

The 2010/11 NYS Council Leadership Training season has begun. You will find the full schedule on page 7 of this issue and as additional sessions are added, we will update the schedule on the NYS Council website.

The training is presented in each minor conference of the state by our major conference training teams. The training is standard throughout the state and has been recognized by the Supreme Council as outstanding. Each team is well qualified and experienced; I urge current and future officers as well as other interested knights of the local councils to take advantage of this opportunity which is provided by your state capita assessment.

It is certainly possible and encouraged for knights to attend a session in a neighboring conference if they are unable to attend on the day scheduled in their own conference, contact are listed on the schedule. Ten points toward the NYC Circle of Honor Award are awarded to each council that sends their GK and one officer to one these sessions.

In closing I would like to add a quote from Brother Carlo A. Bergonzo GK, Monsignor Cafiero Council, 7236, Brooklyn as he accepted our congratulations for his council's participation and success in winning the coveted NYS Council Circle of Honor Award for

2009/2010. Brother Carlo says:

“Thank you for the Kudos, we worked hard for this.

May I also say our inspiration was Brother John Arcate and his training team at the 8/09 session held at John Hughes Council.”

I think that says it all.

I hope to see you at one of our sessions this year.

Vivat Jesu,  
Jack Dawson  
Administrative State Chairman  
For Training



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

## **Coming Due at Supreme Council**

**365 Service Program Personnel Report (August 1st)**

**1295-1 Semiannual Council Audit (August 15th)**

**SC-KIT Soccer Challenge Kit Order Form (August 15th)**

**SA-KIT Substance Abuse Kit Order Form (September 1st)**

The report forms may be easily located by logging on to the Order's Web site at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Once on the home page, click the "For Officers" tab; then click on "Forms" on the left hand side; then click on "Council Forms".

Pictures from the Our Lady of the Island Pilgrimage can be seen at:

<http://www.newyorkknights.com/photos/piloli10/default.html>

# State Membership Director

Raymond Pfeifer

## Membership Facilitators Duties and Responsibilities

The following programs are the keys to the success of all membership growth that the State Deputy needs to fulfill within the New York State Council.

### RECRUITMENT / RETENTION / INDOCTRINATION / REACTI- VATION / ROUNDTABLE / CIR- CLE OF HONOR

The facilitators need to know each segment of the programs listed above and how they work. This information is vital to the State Deputy and the Membership Director in order to produce high quality programs that will be customized to each area.

The Membership Facilitator must be dedicated and understand his responsibilities as outlined here in.

1. He should attend all Chapter / Conference Meetings in his area, and speak about Recruitment and Retention whenever possible.
2. He needs to assist the Minor Conference and Chapter Chairman by working to help increase the attendance at the Leadership Training within

their areas of responsibility, and outline the committee goals for the current Columbian year.

3. Keep everyone in the Chapter /Conference up to date on current membership programs and then follow up to see what is being done in each conference.
4. Membership Facilitators must communicate with the Council Grand Knights and council Membership Chairman and determine if they are having any problems in getting out the programs.
5. Get a report of all monthly membership numbers from the State Council Web Site. You can download it from: [www.newyorkknights.com/membership/memnum1.php](http://www.newyorkknights.com/membership/memnum1.php)
6. Monitor membership quotas in your area of responsibility.
7. Monitor suspensions monthly.
8. Train Council Membership chairman or teams within your area or responsibility in July or August.
9. Check with District Deputies in their areas to see that all forms are being or have been turned in.
10. Mail a report to the Membership Director *every two* months as to the status of your area of responsibility. Also send the districts you are covering: e-mail [rp34fife@aol.com](mailto:rp34fife@aol.com)

11. Monitor and help District Deputies and Grand Knights with the BLITZ weekend in October 2010 and March 2011.

If by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 the facilitator reaches his goal he will be invited by the State Deputy to attend the State Convention.

If the facilitator achieves his goals by the end of the 2010–2011 Columbian Year, he will be invited to the Indoctrination meeting in 2011, the facilitators will receive a gift from the State Deputy.

If your councils make their goals by the December C&B meeting, you will be invited by the State Deputy to attend to the Mid –Year meeting.

If half of your councils make their C&B goal by the December C&B drawing, that Membership Facilitator will be invited to come to the C&B meeting..

Why is this being published? As a check and balance for both Grand Knights and the membership facilitators.

Vivat Jesus,

Raymond P. Pfeifer, PSD  
State Membership Director



**\$50,000 CASH PRIZES**  
New York State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
**2010**  
**CHARITABLE & BENEVOLENT**  
**PROGRAM**  
**\$25,000 Grand Prize**  
2nd Prize: \$10,000 3rd Prize: \$5,000  
PLUS ... 10 \$1,000 Prizes

For the goodness of fellow mankind and the order, promote the selling of your C&B books.

# 2010-2011 Leadership Training Schedule

Conference	Date	Location	Time	Contact
<b>Upstate</b>				Charles Ardillo 716-684-7801 <a href="mailto:Chasja1@verison.net">Chasja1@verison.net</a>
Northern	Sept 11	Norfolk Parish Center Norfolk	9:00-3:00	John Ryan 518-943-9386 <a href="mailto:jtr45@charter.net">jtr45@charter.net</a>
Central	Aug 21	Syracuse University Council	9:00-3:00	Peter Browning 607-639-2588 <a href="mailto:pcbimj@stny.rr.com">pcbimj@stny.rr.com</a>
Western	Aug 7	Fr Shaus Council Lancaster	9:00-3:00	Pat Donohue 716-283-5187 <a href="mailto:niagararapids@verizon.net">niagararapids@verizon.net</a>
<b>Downstate</b>				Edward Kennedy 518-272-2922 <a href="mailto:sgtken1238@msn.com">sgtken1238@msn.com</a>
Hudson Valley	Aug 14	St Mary's Council 399 Route 82 Hopewell Junction	9:00-3:00	Wally Wych 845-277-6810 <a href="mailto:wjwych@aol.com">wjwych@aol.com</a>
Westchester Putnam	Aug 15	Dumphy Council 139 No Broadway	9:00-3:00	Gary Leonardo 914-739-8162 <a href="mailto:gleogk@yahoo.com">gleogk@yahoo.com</a>
Capital	Aug 21	Cohoes Council 255 Remsen St Cohoes	9:00-3:00	Ed Kennedy 518-272-2922 <a href="mailto:sgtken1238@msn.com">sgtken1238@msn.com</a>
BMS	TBA		9:00-3:00	Carmine Musumeci/ Bill Venturini
<b>Long Island</b>			9:00-3:00	Joe Peluso 718-383-5845 <a href="mailto:jpcap01@aol.com">jpcap01@aol.com</a>
Nassau	July 31	Holy Innocents Council	9:00-3:00	Robert Pintucci 516-433-5471
Suffolk	Aug 14	Shrine of St. Anne Council	9:00-3:00	Norman A Wagner 631-404-6700 <a href="mailto:NAWangner@aol.com">NAWangner@aol.com</a>
Kings	Aug 7	John Hughes Council	9:00-3:00	Thomas Scalise 718-252-4959
Queens	Aug 21	Sherman Shine Council	9:00-3:00	John Fucile 718-961-3433

Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.

*Peter F. Drucker*

# Scenes from the 8th Annual Prayer Rally

State Capitol-Albany

May 11, 2010

Photos By Ralph Handley, FM



On Tuesday, May 11th, the 8th Annual New York State Knights of Columbus Prayer Rally was held in Albany on the grounds of the State Capitol. Led by the New York Knights of Columbus State Deputy Arthur J. Harris, State Catholic Family Director Rick Ditrrio and Administrative State Chairman for the Prayer Rally Bill Ose more than 1000 Knights of Columbus, family members and friends from throughout the state traveled to Albany to let their voices be heard. Their intention was to pray that elected officials would listen to their concerns on such issues as life, marriage between a man and a woman and support for Catholic Schools to name a few. They also came to thank those elected officials who shared their views and concerns. The Prayer Rally incorporated priests leading four mysteries of the rosary with remarks from elected officials and leaders of other Catholic organizations.

State Deputy Arthur Harris welcomed everyone. In his remarks Harris recalled Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's concern about what the Bishop perceived as a moral and spiritual drift in American society. Bishop Sheen characterized "drifting" as a failure to offer any kind of resistance to a current. Harris said, "The Knights of Columbus are here to resist that immoral cur-

rent. We are here to raise a united voice to our lawmakers, to our fellow citizens, to our children and perhaps to each other." Harris said he was grateful for the large number of people who turned out for this year's rally. He said, "I wish there were 100 times our number here to raise a larger voice against the "sense of drifting" I described." Harris asked the knights and everyone present to pray daily, to write to their elected officials and to enlist everyone they could to push back against what he described as an ignoble tide. Harris concluded, "It is our Christian duty to do all we can." The knights were forced to move the rally to a new location this year. Administrative Chairman Bill Ose explained, "The setting couldn't have been more perfect this year. We firmly believe that the Holy Spirit got involved when in December we were told we would have to move the rally from the East Capitol steps to the West Capitol Park because both sides of the Capitol building would be under construction. What a blessing in disguise! This year we were surrounded by three very busy streets and in plain view of the Legislative Office Building." Ose noted that several people from nearby office buildings joined the knights in prayer at various times during the rally. He said that it was fitting that the Alfred E. Smith building,

named after the first Catholic Governor of New York State, was located directly behind the rally podium.

Bill Ose was also very moved by something that was very unique to this year's rally. At 12:30 p.m. an annual memorial parade to honor local law enforcement personnel passed by the rally site. Ose asked everyone to stand in silence to honor fallen law enforcement members. Master of the 2nd NY District 4th Degree Chester Smith assembled the thirty-five Color Corp members who marched up the steps to Swan Street and rendered a hand salute as the parade passed. State Deputy Arthur Harris and the State Officers followed suit. Ose said, "What a moving experience!"

Elected officials delivering remarks included State Senators Darryl Aubertine, Marty Golden, and Catherine Young; Assemblymen Joseph Saladino, Greg Ball and Sylvester Raia. They all asked the knights to pray for them and vote for those who share their values. Leaders of Catholic organizations making remarks included Donna Byron, President, NYS Columbiettes; Charles "Chip" McLean, NYS President, Ancient Order of Hibernians; Penny Martin, Regent NYS Court, Catholic Daughters of America; and Sister Lucy Marie, Sisters of Life in NYC.



## Fighting for our causes in the Capitol

While the masses were gathered outside the state capitol on May 11, inside, many Knights took the opportunity to meet with various state senators and assembly personnel to air our causes in the name of Fr. McGivney. Pictured here from l-r are GK Ted Newkirk of Fr. William A. Daly Council, State Senator Michael Nozzolio, 54th Senate District, DD Anthony Muscolino from the Finger Lakes Conference and Ed Willie, State Chairman for Direct Reports.

# What is the latest on the NYS Council Website?

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*Participants in this year's St. Benedict's Golf outing included Bill Tonner, Lester Marks, Sean Marks, John Tonner who are nephews and cousins of Father Ken Marks, for whose memory the golf tournament was held for.*

## St. Benedict's Council No. 11590 Annual Golf Outing

On Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> the St. Benedict's Council No. 11590, located in Bronx, NY held its Annual Golf Outing benefiting the St. Benedict's School and Parish.

This year's event was in memory of Father Kenneth L. Marks a former pastor of St. Benedict's Parish. Fifty two golfers participated in the golf outing held at Van Courtland Park Golf Course, and were joined by parish priests and members of the Marks family for dinner at the Fiddlers Elbow Bar and Restaurant.

This year's event raised over \$3,500.00 and since the event inception ten years ago the council has raise over \$ 40,000.00 for the St. Benedict's School and Parish.

*Submitted by Jack McArdle*

# Ajello Family New York State Family of the Year

Daniel Ajello is member of the Knights of Columbus representing Manresa Council No. 2147. He is currently the Advocate for the council and his wife Linda is the financial secretary for the newly formed Columbiettes. They have two daughters Megan and Erin. Megan has multiple serious handicaps issues and is an inspiration to everyone she touches. Erin is never lost in the mix and has become a loving sister whose experiences make her uniquely compassionate young person.

Dan's law practice specializes in special education, school law and advocacy services, and he volunteers as a board member for On Your Mark, a non-profit organization that serves young people with disabilities and their families. He also serves as a volunteer attorney for Jeanne A. Carpenter Epilepsy Legal Defense fund that fights epilepsy-related discrimination and injustice through education and increased access to legal services.

Linda spends most of her time caring for Megan and the rest of the family. She serves on the PTA executive board at Paulo Intermediate School 75 where she runs a webpage that lists meetings and resources for parents of children with special needs. She also serves on the parents' council for the Seton Foundation for learning, and is a volunteer support parent for Parent to Parent New York

State, which matches parents of children with special needs. The Aiello's are deeply involved in a number of activities in their parish St. Joseph -St. Thomas as well as the council. Sixteen-year old

Sweet 16th birthday in November by leading a Toys for Tots drive in lieu of gifts for herself. Erin who is 13-year-old sister has been volunteering for more than two years at the YMCA Tae Kwon Do program, assisting teachers and helping younger students improving their form. She also volunteered this summer at St. Joseph-St. Thomas Parish kitchen serving food and participates in the I.S. 75 annual toy drive to benefit the Blythesdale Children's Hospital. Each year the family takes part in the March of Dimes Walk America to help mothers have healthy babies and fight birth defects. In addition the family has active roles in the annual "Bread of Life Food Drive" and "Operation Shoebox", a program that provides supplies to our armed forces serving overseas.

Recognition must also go to District Deputy John McCue, Grand Knight Ralph Valente and Msgr. Whalen, pastor of St. Joseph-St. Thomas parish, for their time and efforts in recommending the Ajello family for this honor. There is no question the Ajello

Family truly deserves of this award. They truly demonstrated the principles of the order of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and serve as an inspiration to families everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Tompkins  
State Chairman



Megan is truly an inspiration to all of us and demonstrates the first principle of the order Charity on many occasions. This past summer she raised \$1,500 for Special Olympics at a lemonade stand along with her sister Erin. In September she joined the Knight of Columbus to help raise more funds for the Bowl-a-thon for Special Olympics. She celebrated her

# 2010-2011 Council Bulletin Contest

The New York State Council offers several means for Councils throughout the state to be rewarded for their efforts throughout the Columbian year. One of these means is that of a Council Bulletin Contest. Showcasing your council's membership, programs and Columbiettes or Ladies Auxiliary through a monthly or bi-monthly publication is a good way to keep your council abreast of it's happenings and goes a long way towards membership retention when a member is mentioned by name in your newsletter.

I share with you the guidelines that will be used in the judging of the 2010—2011 Council Bulletin Contest.

- ◆ Publications must be the product of council members. Exceptions are photographs, cartoons or detailed artwork.
- ◆ Councils must submit four (4) issues of their newsletter with publication dates between July 1st, 2010 and March 1st, 2011. The key thing to remember is “why” four issues are required. Not every issue may feature something about the 4th degree, your chapter, or KofC insurance. Having a minimum of four issues per council should ensure the variety of news that your council bulletin presents.
- ◆ Always remember, publications must be the product of council members. Exceptions

are photographs, cartoons or detailed artwork.

- ◆ All entries must be in the hands of the State Chairman by March 15, 2011.
- ◆ The newsletter must list on each issue, the following:
  - a. Council Name and number.
  - b. Editor's name
  - c. District number
- ◆ Send entries in as printed.
- ◆ At a minimum, first, second and third place prizes will be awarded for each of the major conferences:
  - a. Upstate
  - b. Downstate
  - c. Long Island
- ◆ Judging—Empire State Bulletin Editor and committee of men in journalism, printing and publishing.
- ◆ Publications will be graded on a 100 point system as follows:
 

Editing.....	15 points
Format.....	10 points
State Council News.....	10 points
Membership (Drives, member profiles, members name in the news, etc.).....	10 points
Council Committee Reports.....	10 points
Council News.....	10 points
Fourth Degree .....	10 points
Fr. McGivney.....	10 points
Chapter/Conference News.....	5 points
Supreme Council News.....	5 points

Insurance News.....5 points

- ◆ DO NOT hold copies to the last minute. Send them in as published to the Editor of the Empire State Bulletin. The address is listed below and on the back cover of every issue. Good Luck!

The single largest change to the contest since 2008 is the inclusion of 10 points for our founder, Fr. McGivney. Every council newsletter, not only in New York State, but throughout our order, should be shining the light and the life of our founder. It is our duty, NOW to sing the praises and tell the story of Michael McGivney to John Q Public. Anything about the life of our founder will be considered for point awarding.

*One change for 2010-2011 from previous years is that we now award less points for editing and more for Council Committee Reports. The reasoning for this is that most councils always receive the maximum amount of points for editing. The additional points for Council Committee Reports should reflect more involvement from the membership with the newsletter.*

**Send issues to:**

Thomas L. Freundschuh  
 Editor, Empire State Bulletin  
 215 Champion Avenue  
 Webster, NY 14580



## St. Columbanus Council No. 14991 Celebrates Charter Presentation

On Tuesday, June 29th, New York's newest Council, St. Columbanus Council No. 14991 in Cortlandt Manor - Westchester; was presented its charter. In the photo above from left to right are; William Schneider, Field Agent, James Tornello, GK, Peter Marengo, DD, Fr. Frank Samoylo; Pastor, St. Columbanus Church, Gary Leonardo, Conference Chairman, James Thompson, State Treasurer, Charles Sacco, DD and Thomas MacNally, DGK. The charter was presented to the council by State Treasurer, James Thompson, Westchester Putnam Conference Chairman Gary Leonardo and DD for the Council Peter Marengo. Members in attendance also received Charter certificates commemorating the occasion

*Submitted by Gary Leonardo  
Photo by James Tornello*



## A Hard Working Knight Receives Honor

On May 19th, George Hebert, PGK, FDD, PCC who has worked tirelessly over the years in both the Finger Lakes and Northern Conferences had the honor of being the

Cross Bearer at a multi parish Confirmation that was held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester.

Picture one shows George Hebert's granddaughter Mara and wife Marie with New York State Council Chaplain, Bishop Matthew Clark of the Rochester Diocese. Seen in picture two at the right is George Hebert in his role as Cross Bearer.



# Introduction of the Roundtable

Jim Cullen

When Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, he intended that a close working relationship should exist between pastors and Knights. In his writings he projected the council as a social and charitable arm of the parish. The development of the Order during its first century demonstrates that close ties between councils and parishes are mutually beneficial and helpful to the members in developing their lives of faith, worship and service. History further shows that priests have played a vital role in Columbianism. Their contributions as members and as chaplains have given

the Order strength and direction.

The Roundtable program is a program centered on communications. This year there are 12 men throughout the state that will be actively promoting this program. You as a Grand Knight will be requested to examine the things your council has been doing for years, assisting your local Parishes, through the use of two very simple forms - **2629** and **2630**.

**I thank the following men for taking on this task:**

Frank Alessio	BMS
Vincent Iannone	Queens
John Savin	Nassau
Dom Romano	West/Put
Charlie Gardella	Hudson Valley
Antonio Vitalino	Suffolk
Frank Garceau	Capitol
Tom Tedone	Finger Lakes
Don Recore	Northern

**It is simply a matter of going to the pastor frequently and asking:**

*"Father, what can the Knights of this parish do to help you"*

James Cullen  
State Chairman-Roundtable



John W. McDevitt

State Deputy Arthur J. Harris is pleased to announce that five family members of Knights in New York have been awarded the John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarship for the upcoming school year. Supreme Council awards approximately 36 of these scholarships annually. The Scholarships, beginning in September 2010, pays up to a maximum of \$1500 annually. It will be sent to the students college and applied to their student account. Each of the students will be entering their freshman year of undergraduate study at a **Catholic college** or **Catholic university** in the United States.

Alfredo A. Guzman  
69 Stuart Place  
Manhasset, NY 11030

Thomas P. Cunningham  
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# Editorial Page

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## Pentecost in Albany

The men came forth from where they were, and prayed aloud in the public areas of the town, proclaiming the love of God and the salvation that comes from Jesus Christ. And the people of that place were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another “What does this mean?”

The day of Pentecost was the first time when the Apostles of Christ proclaimed the Good News. Heedless of the confusion and opposition of the world, the first bishops of our Church stood before the world, knowing that they would be opposed, and proclaimed our faith in Jesus.

In a sense, all of us are called to do the same — to emulate the Apostles on the first Pentecost.

And just so, the Knights of Columbus went to Albany on Tuesday, May 11, to hold the annual Prayer Rally. The purpose of the day was to pray publicly for our government, to encourage our elected officials to respect human life, to honor marriage, and to treat people of faith fairly.

But it was not at all a political event. More than anything, it was a Pentecost day.

The setting of the Rally was striking. We gathered in a small park in the center of Albany. On one side was the New York State Capitol Building, one of the most striking works of public architecture in

America, but which houses one of the worst, most dysfunctional, and most anti-life legislatures in our nation. Around the other sides were government buildings, from the imposing classical-style Education Department to the modern Legislative Office Building.

There was no mistaking that we were gathering to pray in the midst of the powers and principalities of this world. Indeed, throughout the Rally, government workers and legislators passed through the park, enjoying the beautiful day, and no doubt amazed and perplexed by what they were seeing.

The agenda for the Rally was simple. The entire Rally was organized around the public recitation of the Most Holy Rosary. There were some speeches interspersed among the Mysteries, but the entire focus of the Rally remained fixed upon our prayers to God, with the intercession of Mary.

The most striking part was that you could hear the sacred words of the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be reverberating against the government buildings, calling to mind the words of the prophet: “*Hear what the LORD says: ‘Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.’*” (Mic 6:1)

There is a unique power in the joined prayer of Christian people. There is special strength when that prayer is offered in public by men. The world shuns prayer, looking upon it as a peculiar

habit. The world cannot make sense of the prayers of men, and considers it a weakness.

But on the day of Pentecost, the Apostles were unafraid to give witness to the faith that gave them life. Filled with the Spirit, they strode into the public square and shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Last Tuesday, together with my brother Knights of Columbus, I was privileged to participate in a modern-day echo of that first great day of Pentecost. *Ed Mechmann*

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<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>

# Silver Rose Program

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The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project of Squires circles, councils and Fourth Degree assemblies in several jurisdictions. In 2001, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson expanded the program by beginning the "Running of the Rose" from the 119th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council in Ontario. Currently, the program is expanding with a rose making its way from Canada to Mexico through the United States each year.

The 2009-2010 Silver Rose Run has grown to incorporate more than double the number of jurisdictions participating. Starting in May, three roses will travel simultaneously

through 31 jurisdictions and Mexico.



In recent years the rose has been run from London, Ontario, through 10 states in the United States, and then crossing at the International Bridge into Monterrey, Mexico. During this year, there will be three roses traveling simultaneously starting in London, Ontario, and then moving to the west coast, central United States and the east coast. All

three roses will meet at the same time in Texas to travel over the International Bridge and be handed over to Knights from Monterrey.

"The 'Running of the Rose' is a perfect program for the Knights of Columbus," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "Through it we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the Order, but we also reaffirm the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made know her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

The New York State Council handed off the Silver Rose to New Jersey on May 26th, 2010.

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## **BROTHERS:**

*BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND... WEBINARS ON MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND IDEAS OUTSIDE THE BOX... WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER, 2010. All great stuff!!!*

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*YOU WILL NEED A PASSWORD TO ATTEND THE WEBINARS. PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO GAIN ACCESS TO: [KOFIDEAS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KOFIDEAS@GMAIL.COM) (PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME, COUNCIL NUMBER, AND OFFICE HELD).*

*YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS VIA THE INTERNET AND TELEPHONE. I PROMISE, YOU WILL FIND THE WEBINARS REAL WORTH WHILE FILLED WITH REAL OUT OF THE BOX - PROVEN IDEAS.*

*AND, JUST A REMINDER, THAT DURING THE NYS CONVENTION, OUR STATE DEPUTY REQUESTED THAT ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS SAY THE MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT PLEDGE AT EVERY COUNCIL MEETING AND DEGREE. KEEP IT GOING. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.*

*VIVAT JESUS,*

*STEPHEN DRISCOLL  
NYS CHAIRMAN FOR RECRUITMENT*

## Middletown Knights of Columbus John Paul the Great Council 486 Sponsors Clergy Appreciation Mass and Dinner.

Priests and Deacons from the Orange County Vicariate were honored at the Clergy Appreciation Mass and dinner sponsored by the Middletown Knights of Columbus - John Paul the Great Council 486 on June 10 at St Joseph's Church in Middletown. More than 20 priests concelebrated Mass along with Fr. Dennis Nikolic, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, and Monsignor George Valastro, co-vicar emeritus of Orange County who was the special honoree. Also participating were 8 Deacons from throughout the county and 18 Altar Servers. In addition to the Knights Color Guard. The officers of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas were part of the procession. The pews were filled with the faithful including various Religious, Deaconate Candidates and



Valastro following a moving homily delivered by him about his priesthood.



At the dinner Greg Sillen, Grand Knight of John Paul the Great Council No.486 recalled the important role Monsignor George Valastro (affectionately called Fr. George) had played in his life and thanked him for starting a Special Ed class that helped Greg's son. Deacon Richard Trapani of St. Joseph's Parish and Chaplain at Orange Regional Medical Center said that Fr. Dennis, who succeeded Fr. George as pastor, reminds him a little of Fr. George and that his comment was a compliment. Gary Texter, a Knight and Pastoral Assistant at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, expressed thanks to Priests for helping the faithful find their gifts to serve and to the Deacons for being a wonderful example

wives as well as the wives/family of of service and charity. the Deacons. A standing ovation was given Monsignor George

## Knights of Columbus and Clarence Holy Name Join Forces to bring "Year of the Priest" to a close

On Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, members of John Cardinal O'Hara Council 13661 Knights of Columbus lead by Grand Knight Anthony Russo and the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Peace Parish lead by President Mark Morgante joined forces to pay tribute to area priests culminating the "Year of the Priests" designated by Pope Benedict XVI.

Among those being honored by a reception and receiving Certificates of Appreciation at Our Lady of Pace Parish Center were (left to right) Left to right: Rev. Msgr. Richard Wetter and Rev. Msgr. Leo Hammerl (seated), both Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Rev. Msgr. Angelo Caliguri, Retired, Rev. Thomas Doyle, Pastor of Our Lady of Peace, Rev.. Johyn Reuther, Rev. James Kingori, both of the Consolata Missions and Rev. Vincent McCarthy, of the Columban Missions.

*Submitted by Anthony Russo*



# **MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT PLEDGE**

I REALIZE THAT MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. THEREFORE, I PROMISE, UPON MY HONOR AS A CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN, TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECRUITING AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER PER YEAR, SO TOGETHER WE CAN FURTHER PROMOTE CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM.

***AS DIRECTED BY ARTHUR HARRIS, N.Y.S. DEPUTY AT THE 2010 CONVENTION, THIS PLEDGE IS TO BE MADE BY ALL ATTENDING BROTHERS AT EVERY COUNCIL MEETING AND EVERY DEGREE.***

## **2010 C&B QUICK KICK WINNERS**

**Drawing held July 25th, 2010 at Radisson Hotel Rochester, NY**

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### **LONG ISLAND CONFERENCE**

\$400.00 Louis Grandwilliams – Bellmore, NY

\$250.00 Keith Wilson – North Masapequa, NY

\$100.00 St. John the Evangelist Church - Center Moriches, NY

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**72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Knights Pilgrimage at Auriesville**

*and*

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Shrine of the North American Martyrs**

**Saturday 18 September 2010**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Registration begins at Noon

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Mass will be at 4PM in the Coliseum. Bishop Howard Hubbard will be principal celebrant.

Pilgrimage questions or suggestions should be directed to S/K Jim Byron, PGK, FDD

Pilgrimage Coordinator at (518) 438-3290 or by Email to [dfbyron@aol.com](mailto:dfbyron@aol.com)

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Capital Conference Knights of Columbus District Deputies will offer a barbeque lunch from noon until 1:30PM. Menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, dessert, and beverage. For reservations and ticket details contact Jim Mihalko, Chairman of the Board of DDs (518) 383-6649 or by Email at [dd63mihalko@yahoo.com](mailto:dd63mihalko@yahoo.com)

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