



# District Deputy #33 News



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## District Deputy's Message

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Brother Knights,

The month of October is an extraordinary time in the Catholic Church. Not only is it Respect for Life Month, it is also the month of the Rosary—two traditions that reflect the beauty and distinctiveness of Catholic Christianity.

Please join us for the Rosary Rally South on Oct 4 at St John Neumann Prayer Garden at 3PM or Oct 31 at 11am at the Co-Cathedral of St Robert Bellarmine for the Lighting of the Torches for Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Silver Rose.

Councils should consider holding an exemplification in Oct to honor our Founder Fr Michael McGivney whose Beatification will take place on Oct 31.

**Vivat Jésus †**

## Pope's Prayer Intentions

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church. †

## Think About It!

“Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” – St Francis of Assisi †

## Upcoming Forms Due

10/15: [Knight of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

10/15: [Family of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

10/15: [Family of the Month \(Supreme Form\)](#) †

## Grand Knights Checklist

Here are a few helpful reminders for October:

1. Safe Environment Training will be coming due. The GK, Program Director, Family Director and

Community Director are all required to take this training. In addition, the Family Director and Community Director must complete a background check. Visit [www.kofc.org/safe](http://www.kofc.org/safe).

2. Diocese of Trenton VIRTUS training is mandatory for any Council holding youth events. At least two VIRTUS trained Knights are required at any youth, special needs, or elderly events. You can go to the following website to see scheduled training throughout Burlington County. [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting\\_children.cfm](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm)
3. Supreme's Asset Advisors for Financial Assistance are available to all Councils who wish to responsibly invest and grow Council funds.
4. Faith in Action guidebook is available at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10907-faith-in-action-guidebook.pdf>.
5. On Demand exemplification ceremonies are now available from Supreme. There are no more excuses for schedule conflicts for candidates!
6. To advertise your KOC events on Relevant Radio contact Mary Radford at 610-505-8376 six weeks in advance. †

## Faith In Action

The highlighted Program this month comes from the Life category. It is the “Silver Rose.”

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights,

parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Your Council can get credit for the Silver Rose Program by having a few members attend the Diocese of Trenton 2020 Lighting of the Torches on Oct 31. †



## Day of the Dead

Day of the Dead is not a sad ritual. It's a day of happiness because we will be remembering our loved ones. Although when in the graveyard, people assume an introspective attitude. The Day of the Dead is about Love, not Fear. Day of the Dead is not a "strange" ritual.

The Day of the Dead (el Día de los Muertos), is a Mexican holiday where families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes food, drink and celebration. A blend of Mesoamerican ritual, European religion and Spanish culture, the holiday is celebrated each year from October 31- November 2. While October 31 is Halloween, November 1 is "el Dia de los Inocentes," or the day of the children, and All Saints Day. November 2 is All Souls Day or the Day of the Dead. According to tradition, the gates of heaven are opened at midnight on October 31 and the spirits of children can rejoin their families for 24 hours. The spirits of adults can do the same on November 2. †

## Upcoming Events

**10/6:** ROSARY RALLY SOUTH at 3PM at St John Neumann Prayer Garden in Mt Laurel hosted by Our Lady of Fatima Council 7755.

**10/12:** [Council 6530](#) is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive from 1 till 6 at Indian Springs Gold Course. This drive is dedicated to the memory of Past Grand Knight Carmen Riccardi who passed away earlier this year. It is strongly suggested that you schedule an appointment at the Red Cross website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free soft serve ice cream compliments of Rick & Cheryl Cirelli of Leo's Ice Cream of Medford. Also all donors can enter a raffle for a chance to win several door prizes. If you have any questions about the blood drive please feel free to call Dean DeRose at 856-596-6404 or email [roseman1957@comcast.net](mailto:roseman1957@comcast.net).

**10/12:** Virtus training session at St Joan of Arc Pedata Hall at 6PM. A plan to protect re-certification is at 7:30 to 9PM in Pedata Hall. Pre-registration is required at <https://virtusonline.org/virtus/>.

**10/14:** Virtual Benefits Night at 7 pm. It will be hosted by Nationally Renowned Retirement expert Tom Hegna. If Councils have at least 5 members attend, it will count toward one of the required Fraternal Benefits night for your Founder's award. Open to all, not just Knights.

**10/31:** Diocese of Trenton will mark the beginning of the 2020 Traveling Torch celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in a Season of Remembrance at the Co-Cathedral of St Robert Bellarmine @ 11AM.

**10/31:** Fr. Michael McGivney will be beatified during a special Mass Oct. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.



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