



District Deputy #33 News



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District Deputy's Message

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Brother Knights,

Given all the distractions from the COVID-19 pandemic and the aftermath of our Presidential elections, I think it is important that we not forget the real reason for the Christmas Season. In the cartoon *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, amidst the bedlam of preparing for the Christmas pageant, one character stopped, stood up, and quieted the hustle to explain what Christmas was really about. He simply said:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were so afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'" (Luke 2:8-14)

For all of the distractions that we put into our lives during this run up to Christmas, I think this simple verse, recited by a children's cartoon character in 1965, really focuses on what is important to remember this Advent as we make ourselves ready for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of Our Lord. If we miss this message, we are really missing the reason for the party. Thanks for the reminder Linus. Let us all Keep Christ in Christmas and continue to evangelize his words.

On behalf of Lady Hanh and myself, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jésus †

Pope's Prayer Intentions

The Pope's intention for December is *"We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer."* †

Think About It!

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern." - Mother Teresa †

Upcoming Forms Due

12/15: [Knight of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

12/15: [Family of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

12/15: [Family of the Month \(Supreme Form\)](#)

1/31/21: [The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity \(#1728\)](#) †

Grand Knights Checklist

Here are a few helpful reminders for November:

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.
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
3. Supreme's Asset Advisors for Financial Assistance are available to all Councils who wish to responsibly invest and grow Council funds. <https://www.kofcassetadvisors.org/en/index.html>
4. Please add your Retention Committee Report during your Business meeting.

5. Faith in Action guidebook is available at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10907-faith-in-action-guidebook.pdf>.
6. Start preparing data collection efforts and council records for the annual survey of fraternal activity (#1728) which is due Jan 31.
7. 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 Family category. It is the "Keep Christ in Christmas." Promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes, and communities.

Councils will evangelize society through their faithful acts, celebrations and a variety of activities. The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Light Up for Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The new Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) program brings all KCIC activities together under one umbrella. It encourages councils to compel their neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. KCIC activities include whatever efforts best suit the parish and community of a particular council and do not need to originate from the Supreme Council. †

Annual Blessing of the Nativity Crèche - State House, Trenton

The Knights of Columbus Annual Blessing of the Nativity Crèche will take place this year on Saturday December 5, 2020 at 10 am. The ceremony will be held in front of the NJ State House, which is located at 125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608. All are welcome to attend this ceremony as we join to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord and show everyone why He is the Reason for the Season. Any Council that has members attend can take credit for the Keep Christ in Christmas Faith in Action Program. Masks are required. Contact Jerry Iacona at 609-575-4137 to RSVP or for additional information. †

8th Annual Send a Hero Home for the Holidays

The Trenton Diocesan Federation of the New Jersey Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the 8th Annual Send a Hero Home for the Holidays. Please have your Council consider having a fundraising event or donate. Donations should be received by December 1, 2020. Last year we were able to send home 224 heroes. So far this year, we have received 78 requests which have been fulfilled! †

Upcoming Events

12/12: Virtus training session at St Joan of Arc Pedata Hall at 12PM. A plan to protect re-certification is at 1:30 to 3PM in Pedata Hall. Pre-registration is required at <https://virtusonline.org/virtus/>.

12/14: Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for from 2 PM to 7 PM in the Evesham Twp. "Blue Barn" on Tuckerton Road next to the athletic fields and Township Building Call Red Cross (800-733-2767 or log on to: RedCrossBlood.org) to book a time slot. Refer to St. Issac as the Drive Sponsor.

12/16: Virtual Chapter Meeting at 8 PM.

12/25: MERRY CHRISTMAS! †

**R E V E R S E
ADVENT CALENDAR**

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Members from Browns Mills Council 17430, Tabernacle Council 8733 and Medford Council 6520 worked together in support of the Christian Caring Center Village Thrift Shop to repair damaged fencing at the Village Thrift Shop by removing the old damage fence and installing a new fence. It was a great day helping one of our communities by several councils working together from three Districts (32, 33, &34) VIVAT JESUS!



Burlington County Chapter members attended the Trenton Diocese Beatification Mass for Blessed Michael McGivney on Nov 14

