



# District Deputy #33 News



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## District Deputy's Message

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Brother Knights,

Thanks to all the Councils who supported the Comedy Show to raise scholarship funds for Holy Cross Academy. Special thanks go out to Our Lady of Fatima Council #7755 for organizing the event.

Thanks to Ted Shearer and Andy Singer and the other Brother Knights who assisted me with the District Free Throw Contest. The Trenton Diocesan Round is scheduled for March 15<sup>th</sup> at St Gregory the Great Parish Center, located at 4620 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square.

Every council should submit a Chaplain of the Year, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year nominations and report results for the Seminarian Letters and Food for the Hungry. [File online](#) at NJ KOC website by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Nominate your successful council programs for the prestigious State Council Service Program Awards (use [new Form STSP](#)) and email by 3/31 by category to: Faith: [State Director Robert Lynch, FDD](#), Family: [State Director Robert Wright, FDD](#), Community: [State Director George French, FDD](#), and Life: [State Director Martin Boyle, FDD](#).

Vivat Jésus †

## Pope's Prayer Intentions

The Pope's intention for March is "We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity." †

## Think About It!

"O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen." – Henri Nouwen. †

## Grand Knights Checklist

Here are a few helpful reminders for March.

1. Our Lady of Persecuted Christians Icon will be coming to DD#33 on 4/6-4/19/20. Let me know if you want to show it during these dates.
2. Plan and conduct a Delta Church Drive. Presentation is available on the NJ KofC [website](#).
3. Reminder for Councils to fill out the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) #10784 after each event.
4. The State Convention is rapidly approaching. Have you elected your delegates? If your Council would like to submit a resolution for consideration during the convention, it needs to be drafted, approved by a vote of the council members and sent to the State Secretary by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. To advertise your KOC events on Relevant Radio contact Mary Radford at 610-505-8376 six weeks in advance. †

## Upcoming Forms Due

3/15: [Knight of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

3/15: [Family of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

3/15: [Family of the Month \(Supreme Form\)](#) †

## Upcoming Degrees

3/15: Combined Degree at St. Vincent Palotti Church in St. Joseph the Worker Parish. 901 Hopkins Rd. Haddon Township, NJ 08033 after 11AM Mass. 7 PM. Contact Adam Elgart at 609-458-0079.

3/17: Combined Degree at HOLY CRUSADERS #9193 701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood NJ 08012. Candidates should arrive by 7:30PM. Degree start is 8 PM. Contact Patrick Theckston at 215-416-6172.

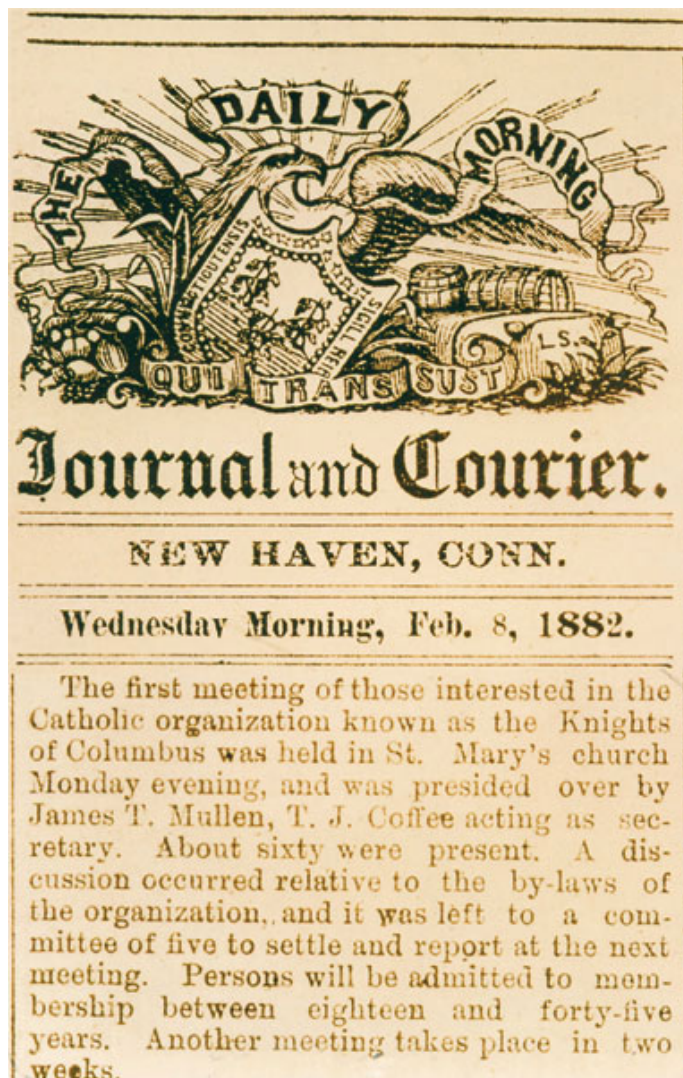
3/29: Combined Degree at St Ann Church, 1253 Lawrenceville Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Degree start is 2:30 PM. Contact Timothy D. Hitzel at 609-947-1971. †

## KOC Founder's Day March 29<sup>th</sup>

Late-19th century Connecticut was marked by the growing prevalence of fraternal benefit societies, hostility toward Catholic immigrants and dangerous working conditions in factories that left many families

fatherless. Recognizing a vital, practical need in his community, Father Michael J. McGivney, the 29-year-old assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., gathered a group of men at his parish on Oct. 2, 1881. He proposed establishing a lay organization, the goal of which would be to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies whose membership was antithetical to Church teaching, to unite men of Catholic faith and to provide for the families of deceased members.

As a symbol that allegiance to their country did not conflict with allegiance to their faith, the organization's members took as their patron Christopher Columbus — recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discoverer of America. Thanks to Father McGivney's persistence, the Knights of Columbus elected officers in February 1882 and officially assumed corporate status on March 29.



The Feb. 8, 1882 edition of the New Haven Morning Journal and Courier mentions the first meeting of the Knights of Columbus.

## Upcoming Events in Our District

**3/13 & 27:** [Council 12229](#) is hosting a Lenten Fish Bake Dinner in the St Isaac Jogues Holy Family Hall or take-out from 4:30 – 6 PM. Baked COD Dinner \$11; Crab Cake Dinner \$16.

**3/14:** Delta Church Drive on-line presentation @ 11AM EDT. Please RSVP to [Tom Ciborski](#) your name, Council number and date of session.

**3/19:** [Council 8733](#) is hosting a Spirituality series from 7-9PM at Holy Eucharist Church in Hoffman Hall. SK Jeff Siedlecki is the speaker and will talk about "We are the Body of Christ." All are invited to attend.

**3/19:** Delta Church Drive on-line presentation @ 7PM EDT. Please RSVP to [Tom Ciborski](#) your name, Council number and date of session.

**3/20 & 27:** [Council 6530](#) is hosting a Lenten fish bake in St Joan of Arc Pedata Hall. Eat-in or take-out 5:30 – 6:30PM or 7:30 – 8:30PM. Fish & chips \$8; Shrimp \$9; Crab cake \$12.

**3/20:** [Council 5714](#) spaghetti dinner from 5-7PM in the Maple Room at 636 N. Forklanding Road, Maple Shade, NJ 08052. Cost is \$10 per person.

**3/26:** [Council 6530](#) is sponsoring a movie Knight at 7:30 PM in St Joan of Arc Pedata Hall showing "The Stray". The story of how a stray dog, Pluto, comes out of nowhere and impacts the Davis family, who are struggling in many ways. In just a short time, Pluto the Wonderdog manages to save a toddler, bring comfort and companionship to a hurting 9-year-old boy, help restore a marriage, and repair a broken father-son relationship. Pluto is not only a guard dog - he is a guardian angel.

**3/25:** Chapter Meeting at 8 PM at St. Mary of the Lakes School Parish Meeting Room, 196 Route 70, Medford, N.J. 080.

**3/28:** One-hour Knights prayer vigil at Cherry Hill Women's Center planned for 10 AM.

**3/28:** Fund raiser for our State Secretary Jim Stoeber at St Martha's Pt Pleasant Council 7926 at 6 PM. There is a mass at 4:30PM at the church. Cost is \$50/couple or \$30 /person. BYOB.

**4/16:** Trenton Diocese Pride in Priests dinner. Reservation forms are out for the Pride in priest Dinner at Dolan's in Spring Lake Heights. These seats will fill up fast. Have you invited your Chaplain to go with you?





Fr John P Wessel Council 6530 presents a \$2200 check to First Way of Burlington County.