



# District Deputy #33 News



2020 - 2021 Fraternal Year

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## District Deputy's Message

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Brother Knights,

Welcome to a new Columbian Year! We have two new GKs in our District: GK Joe Boyle from Maple Shade Council #5714 and GK Rich Brinkmann from Marlton Council #12229. Our other Councils have returning GKs: GK Mike Mancano from Marlton #6530, GK Dominic Grosso from Council #7755 and GK Martin Gattel from #8733.

The spirit that unifies us as Brother Knights is that we are a fraternity, a unified Catholic band of brothers who come together to provide spiritual, personal and social support for one another. In this fraternal year, there's never a better time for us to help each other out. I would like to see more cross Council support of activities this year. If we help each other out, each Council will have more successful events overall. Please advertise some of these other council events within your Council and help me bring more attention them!

One easy way we can help each other out is to put together a list of businesses owned by Brother Knights. Please put out a request to your Council and have members provide the following information: Brother Knight name; Business name, address and phone #. I will compile this information into one file to send out to all our Councils. Please provide this information by the end of July. We can always add to it as additional information comes in. It's free advertising though for these businesses!

**Vivat Jésus †**

## Pope's Prayer Intentions

The Pope's intention for July is *"We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance."* †

## Think About It!

*"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."* - St. Gianna Molla †

## Upcoming Forms Due

7/01: [NJ State Religious & Civil Rights Council Rep](#)

7/01: [NJ State Culture of Life Chairman Appointment](#)

7/15: [Knight of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

7/15: [Family of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

7/15: [Family of the Month \(Supreme Form\)](#)

8/01: [#365](#) Service Program Personnel Report

8/15: [#1295](#) Semiannual Council Audit †

## Grand Knights Checklist

Here are a few helpful reminders for July:

1. Please report any activity of your Council for the 'Leave No Neighbor Behind' program at the following link:  
<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5521191/Leave-No-Neighbor-Behind>.
2. Finalize your plans for the upcoming 2020-21 Columbian Year. Plan a Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree each quarter. Plan a delta church drive. Schedule your Installation of Officers ceremony.
3. Establish your Council budget for the year and present it at your upcoming Council meeting and have it voted and approved by your membership.
4. Register to gain GK permission on NJ K of C website. [www.njkofo.com](http://www.njkofo.com).
5. Remember to add your Retention Committee Report during your Business meeting.
6. Liability Insurance: As you look to renew your liability insurance this year, please look into Covid Exposure Liability.
7. On Demand exemplification ceremonies are now available from Supreme. There are no more excuses for schedule conflicts for candidates!

8. Consider nominating one of your members or families for Knight of the Month or Family of the Month. Certificates can be ordered from Supreme.
9. To advertise your KOC events on Relevant Radio contact Mary Radford at 610-505-8376 six weeks in advance. †

## New Changes for 2020-21

If you didn't attend the last Supreme Webinar on Recent Changes, New Tools & Quick Tips, you missed out. However, you can review the webinar any time you want. Here are some of the changes for this Columbian Year:

1. McGivney Award: 5% net growth reduced from 7%. Minimum is 3 and maximum is 20.
2. Founders Award: Removed insurance quota and replaced with holding two Fraternal Benefit Seminars. Can do joint seminars with other Councils.
3. Columbian Award: Removed required Faith in Action programs and added more feature programs.
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. Launched Into The Breach Video Series. All episodes are available on [kofc.org/intothebreach](http://kofc.org/intothebreach). Every council is asked to undertake this program.
6. New training resources at [kofc.org/training](http://kofc.org/training).
7. "Business" Meeting is now called "Membership" Meeting with the intent to make meetings more enjoyable. A new requirement will be to hold a Monthly Officers Business Meeting. Revised guidelines will be issued soon.



## How Knights Added "Under God" to the Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance has undergone several revisions since it was initially written back in 1892 by Baptist minister Francis Bellamy. The last significant change came in 1954 during the midst of the Cold War, when President Dwight Eisenhower signed a congressional resolution adding the words "under God." This revision would have never happened without advocacy by the Knights of Columbus.

The original Pledge had no references to God. However, the Knights personally inserted "under God" into their recitations at the opening of Fourth Degree assembly meetings in 1951. Momentum grew within the Knights to petition the United States Congress to revise the Pledge.

At the time, Supreme Knight Luke Hart was president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, which adopted "under God" into its own Pledge recitations in 1952. From that year until 1954, the Supreme Council repeatedly sent copies of their resolutions to members of Congress, U.S. senators, Vice President Richard Nixon and President Eisenhower.

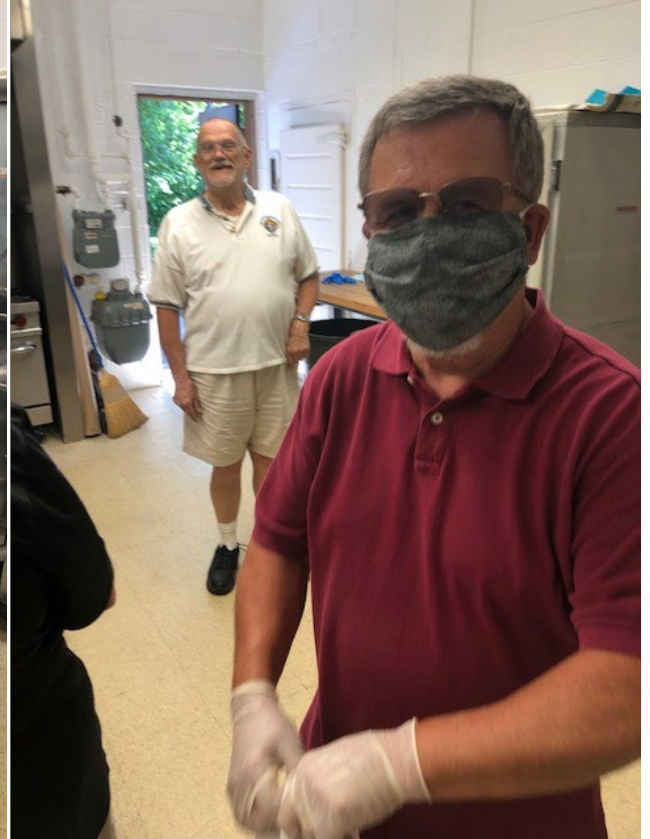
The appeals received generally positive feedback, with Rep. Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan introducing one of 17 eventual congressional resolutions to officially add "under God." Significant support for the movement grew when Presbyterian minister George Docherty preached about the words, saying, "To omit the words 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance is to omit the definitive character of the American way of life." President Eisenhower was in attendance and heard the sermon.

The congressional resolution was adopted by the House and Senate, and President Eisenhower signed it on June 14, 1954. Several years later, St. John XXIII "expressed his gratification" to the Knights of Columbus for their advocacy because "some 30 million children, at the beginning of each school day, acknowledged the existence of God and their dependence upon Divine Providence."

## Upcoming Events

7/11: Virtual DD / GK 2020-2021 Orientation meeting at 9am.

Maple Shade Council 5714 Meatball Sandwich fundraiser to benefit the Church



# Tabernacle Council 8733 New Lisbon Christmas in July

