



# District Deputy #33 News



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## District Deputy's Message

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Brother Knights,

In March we celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph. As Knights of Columbus, St Joseph is a figure worthy of reflection as a man who accepted God's word to fulfill the humbling task of leading and protecting the Holy Family. According to St. Bernadine of Siena, Joseph "was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of His greatest treasures, namely His divine Son and Mary. He carried out his vocation with complete fidelity. . ."

Joseph was a man who protected his family, taking significant steps to support the family and keep Mary and Jesus from harm. Not only did Joseph do all he did out of love for his family but also out of obedience to God. When we see Joseph in the Bible, we see a man who listens to God and lets God rule his life, a man who does not demand his own way, a man who lets God call him to his vocation. Joseph took Mary into his house when instructed to do so by an angel; he led Mary and Jesus to Egypt when they were in danger; and he accepted Jesus was the Son of God, when he found Jesus, at the age of 12, in the temple. Like St. Joseph, we, as Knights, should listen when God is speaking to us and strive to protect our family, the families of our brothers and our collective family that is the church.

What are you doing for Lent? Throughout our history, Christians have found prayer, fasting and almsgiving to be an important part of repentance and renewal. Many Catholics add something during Lent rather than giving up something, either to address potential habit that needs to be worked on or to add some outreach to others in need.

Take some time to reflect on the role of God in your life; listen to how God is speaking to you. This Lenten season as we strive to become better Knights of Columbus and followers of Christ, we should listen

to the spirit of Joseph in each of us, a voice that says, "God directs my life."

**Vivat Jésus †**

## Pope's Prayer Intentions

The Pope's intention for March is "Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God." †

## Think About It!

"St. Joseph did not do extraordinary things, but rather by the constant practice of ordinary and common virtues, he attained that sanctity which elevates him above all the other saints." – St. Joseph Marello †

## Upcoming Forms Due

**03/15:** [Knight of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

**03/15:** [Family of the Month \(State Form\)](#)

**03/15:** [Family of the Month \(Supreme Form\)](#) †

## Grand Knights Checklist

Here are a few helpful reminders for March:

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. Conduct your Free Throw Basketball. Consider holding an outdoor competition. Order your supplies from the [website](#). State competition is planned for mid-April. Another alternative is to participate in the Hockey Challenge. Please let me know if you plan to run any of these events and when.

4. Every council should submit a Chaplain of the Year, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year nominations and report results for the Seminar Letters and Food for the Hungry. [File online](#) at NJ KOC website by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
5. 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](#), Community: [State Director Robert Wright, FDD](#), Family: [State Director Arthur Troccoli](#), and Life: [State Director Steve Richardson, FDD](#).
6. Reminder for Councils to fill out the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) #10784 after each event.
7. 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>
8. Please add your Retention Committee Report during your Business meeting.
9. Faith in Action guidebook is available at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10907-faith-in-action-guidebook.pdf>.
10. 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 Good Friday Family Promotion. Bring families into more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Sacred Triduum.

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. To increase parish attendance and involvement, councils will conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday.

Setting an example for their community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies. In conjunction with these efforts, councils will also work to educate their parish about the plight of Christians

in the Holy Land and other areas around the world where Christians are persecuted for their faith. †

## KnightCast

KnightCast, our exclusive webcast series designed to help Knights become better Catholics, better men, better husbands, and better fathers launched last week. The first episode of KnightCast featured Supreme Knight Carl Anderson sharing his personal reflections on the significant events of the past two decades. He gives a rare overview of working with three Popes, responding to national crises, battling Covid-19, and expanding our charitable works throughout the world. In this interview, Mr. Anderson also discusses our founder's beatification, and he shares some of the many meaningful personal experiences of his term as Supreme Knight.

## Upcoming Events

**03/13:** A Lenten Retreat at the Church of St Ann from 9 – 10:30 AM. Register to attend in person by contacting John Sikorski at (609) 883-2509 or [jwsikorski@yahoo.com](mailto:jwsikorski@yahoo.com). Click [Church of Saint Ann - YouTube](#) to view the livestream.

**03/16:** Special CUF Virtual Degree to honor State Deputy Vinnie Tavormina at 8PM. Please send candidate's name, council number, and email address to the state membership director Chris Duffett at [cduffett1@gmail.com](mailto:cduffett1@gmail.com) prior to March 14th.

**03/17: HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!**

**3/23:** [Council 8733](#) is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive from 2:30 - 7PM at Holy Eucharist Church in Hoffman Hall. Sign up at Red Cross website.

**03/24:** Virtual Chapter Meeting at 7:30 PM.

**3/29: Knights of Columbus Founder's Day!**

**04/25:** Virtual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Ceremony at 2 PM.

**05/14-15:** NJ State Convention, Wildwood Convention Center.



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