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## A Message From Your State Deputy, Salvatore A. Restivo

My Dear Brothers of the New York State Council,

I am happy to report to you that another successful Prayer Rally uniting our Order in New York with our Church in New York State occurred on Wednesday, March 20, 2013. On stage this year we were delighted to be joined by our sister Columbiettes Dee Wych from the New York's State Council as well as Micki Magee of the Columbiette Supreme Council. The Ancient Order of Hibernians' were also well represented with Father Henry Reed, their state chaplain, and Tim Mc Sweeney, State Secretary. The Catholic Daughters were represented by Mary Zeisig and Marie Maun. Sister Lucy of the Sisters of Life and of course our own Chaplain, William Murphy, and all of our New York State officers were on stage as well.

This year the Bishops of New York lead us in praying the Rosary. Special thanks go out to the Ordinaries of New York State and the many Auxiliary Bishops in attendance.

My heartfelt thanks go out to Marty Ryan, State Administrative Pro Life chairman for a great job organizing and overseeing the Knights of Columbus part

in this joint effort. I would also like to thank members of my staff John and Amelia Joseph, Rich Elias, Ed Ciulla and my first lady Margie. Great team work!

Why we are in Albany at the Public policy day should be known by all Catholics in New York State. We are in Albany to unify the Catholic community with our church and church leaders in New York State. We are in Albany in March at the Catholics at the Capital public policy day because we need to stand united with our sister Columbiettes, Catholic Daughters, Hibernians, Sisters of Life and Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal, Catholic High School students and our church leadership to represent our Catholic values in a very human and real way. We all need to be in Albany in March to affect change for the good in regards to issues of life and issues that concern Catholics. If you were there with us, thank you! If you were with us in Spirit and praying for the success of our Causes, Thank you! Be with us next year!

We are preparing for the State convention. As of this writing, we still have room in our Convention journal for your ad! Contact John Joseph or John Lazar if you have not done so already. First Lady Margie and her team of unstoppable ladies



are gearing up for the Ladies' Luncheon. The Sisters of Life will have representation at the luncheon so don't forget to bring your gift for the babies.

We are still looking to get as many priests to the Convention as possible. Please contact Lois for reservations and the special price for your council chaplains and priests. As we have just celebrated Easter, let us look to renew ourselves in our Order. The work of the Order should be consistent with the work of the church. It is time for the laity to actively promote our faith.

Now more than ever in America we need to be knightly and stand for our beliefs. True we need not draw swords but in this day and age what has always been true is still true! "The Pen is mightier than

## Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (**make your request here**). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.



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the sword" and in today's world we can say the email is as mighty as the letter. We must represent our faith daily and more frequently than the one day at the capital, the one day march in Washington, the one hour a week on Sunday! We are told go forth and live the gospel. Let us as knights go forth and live our faith and voice our beliefs!

Margie and I hope you had a blessed Easter filled with love of family, friends and faith.

Vivat Jesus!

Sincerely Yours,

Salvatore A. Restivo  
State Deputy of New York



May  
God  
Bless  
Pope  
Francis

**A Message from our Associate State Chaplain, Fr. Brian McWeeney...**

My Brother Knights,

Happy Easter!!!! The Lord has risen giving us the hope of eternal life. We celebrate this reality not only in this time of year but every time we come together at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is important to realize as Catholics and as Knights that the Eucharist should be central to our Catholic spirituality. We must encourage each other to attend Mass every Sunday. If you do not have the custom already I would hope the councils of the State would consider a monthly corporate communion breakfast. Our families should have the opportunity both to pray together as well as socialize. It is important as well to wear Council jackets identifying oneself to the men of the parish as an encouragement to join us in building up Father McGivney's dream.

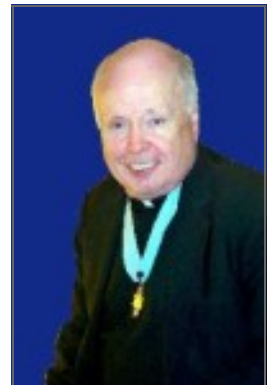
In this season we certainly have another reason to celebrate in the ascendancy of the cardinal archbishop of Buenos Aires to the papacy. Pope Francis has taken the world by storm. We can say that every pontiff is one of us as Catholics. But as Knights we can especially say that of this man of God. His focus has been on preaching the faith through his actions as well as his words. We rejoice at the occasions he has focused our attention on the dignity of human life as he blessed and kissed the physically and mentally disabled. He has attended the needs of those who have been abandoned by society. He is making all of us to think about what is really important in life and what our priorities should be. Let us pledge to him our prayers, fidelity, and charity. In the month of April we will be celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday. Let us pray for him and all those who support and guide God's people towards eternity.

May God grant all of you the joy of this Holy Season and peace to our troubled world.

Vivat Jesus,

Father Brian

Associate State Chaplain



New York State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
Membership Action Plan  
January – June 2013

ACTION	<i>REVISED</i>	RESPONSIBLE BROTHERS
921 A “Blitz” in parishes whose pastors are favorable to the K of C. Feb 1 to March 16		Local membership teams and District Deputies
Advertisements in all diocesan News Papers / Magazines Weekly Publications: ¼, 1/2, to Full Page Bi - Weekly: 1/2 page Monthly: full page ad February and March		Membership director
Church Bulletin flyers		State & Local Membership Teams
<del>Support Letters to all bishops</del>		<del>State Deputy</del>
Phone conferences with local leaders and State membership team		Membership Director, conference chairmen, chapter Presidents MC Membership directors, Minor conf coordinators, DDs, GKs and State Deputy
NCD PROSPECTS		GA and membership teams
<del>Special edition of Empire State bulletin on Membership</del>		<del>ESB Staff &amp; State membership Team</del>
Contact inactive members. Goal: bring back 2/month / agent		General Agents and field Agents
Contact suspended members .Goal 2/month / council		Council membership teams
INCENTIVE: “Building His Dream” Medallion		State Deputy and Staff
INCENTIVE” \$2 credit/ new or reactivated member towards 7/1 State per-capita assessment		Local council membership teams, Financial Secretaries and Executive Secretary
INCENTIVE: \$2 cash for each new member		General Agents of New York

## Seminarian Support

### \$500 check presented to SEMINARIAN PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

Albany Council 173 has established an endowment account with the Albany Roman Catholic Diocese Foundation to benefit Catholic Education and the Albany Diocese Seminarian Program. Recently we were privileged to present a check for \$500 to

Michael Dessingue, a seminarian in the Program. Michael is in residence at Saint Paul the Apostle, Schenectady and is a senior at The College of Saint Rose. He will begin his formal Seminary training in 2014.



Shown in the photo below are:

Grand Knight Paul Vogt, Michael Dessingue, and Deputy Grand Knight Adron Butler.

The endowment fund can be used to contribute in memory of any Knight or family member who passes away or to remember a special intention in your estate.

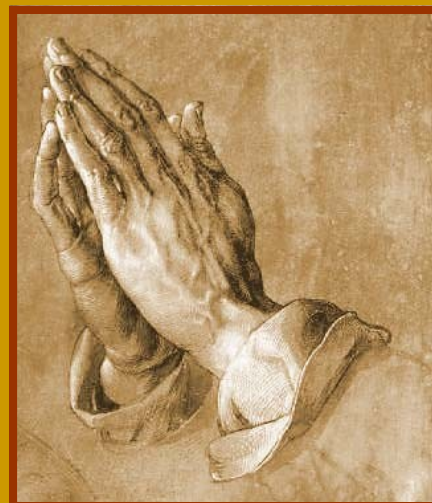
*Additional information can be obtained from James Byron, PGK, FDD, Trustee  
Council 173 at (518) 438-3290*

## God Hear My Prayer

God in heaven hear my prayer,  
keep me in thy loving care.

Be my guide in all I do,  
Bless all those who love me too.

Amen.



# Poster Contest: Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness

The three City of Albany Catholic Elementary Schools submitted a combined total of one hundred twenty five (125) entries in a poster contest sponsored by Albany Council 173 Knights of Columbus on the topics of Drug or Alcohol Abuse Awareness. Each entrant was recognized with a certificate of participation. Judging was performed by a panel of three consisting of high school students - Megan Lynch and Kamber Coyne along with College of Saint Rose Student Alyssa Jaquinto. Gift cards were awarded to the four finalists. PGK Jim Byron served as contest coordinator.

## Council 173 and District 64 Winners by Age Division and Theme are:

### 8 - 11 year old Division

Drug Awareness	Juliana DiCiccio	All Saints Catholic Academy
Alcohol Awareness	Emma Crisafulli	Blessed Sacrament School

### 12-14 year old Division

Drug Awareness	Eliza Merges	Mater Christi School
Alcohol Awareness	Hannah Merges	Mater Christi School

The posters of the finalists were forwarded for judging at the State Level.

Pictured at the Council award presentation are:

Font row – Juliana DiCiccio, Eliza Merges, Hannah Merges, and Emma Crisafulli  
Back row -- Council 173 PGK Jim Byron; Ms. Traci Johnson, Principal of All Saints Catholic Academy; Mrs. Teresa Ewell, Principal of Mater Christi School; and Sister Patricia Mary Lynch, RSM, Principal of Blessed Sacrament School

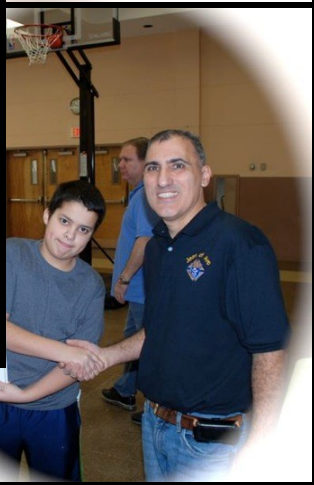


*Article and photo submitted by James Byron, PGK, FDD,  
Trustee Council 173 at (518) 438-3290*



# The Basket Ball Free Throw is thriving at Joan of Arc Council #1992!

*Photos submitted by Richie Burke, DD NY 4th District.*



St. Anastasia Knights of Columbus Council #5911 supports our youth.



A Cub Scout Ceremony where three young cub scouts became boy scouts was held and supported by St. Anastasia Knights of Columbus Council #5911. This event took place on February 24th at St. Anastasia Parish in Father Smith Hall when the Grand Knight, Frederick R. Bedell Jr. presented the Cub Scout Pack #153 with a check for \$500.00.

Pictured above are those who were honored at this great event.

From left to right in front row: Brendan Waters, Henry Lee and Doran Katz. From left to right in back row: Scout Master Tom Tuffy, Grand Knight Frederick Bedell Jr. and Cub Master Vinnie Lino.

*Article and photo submitted by Frederick R. Bedell Jr.,  
76-19 Commonwealth Blvd., Glen Oaks Village, N.Y.*

[516-637-4385](tel:516-637-4385)

## Nassau Chapter and Conference Supports Special Olympics

**Our Worthy State Deputy Sal Restivo proudly receives an \$8,000 check from the Nassau Chapter President, Mike Murtha and the Nassau Conference Chairman Jim Rhatigan. The \$8,000 was the profits of the Italian and Irish Mock Wedding which was sponsored by the Nassau Chapter and Conference to support Special Olympics.**



*Article and photo submitted by Nassau Chapter and Conference.*





## **Our Lady of the Lakes - Council No. 6318**

10 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512

(845) 225-6318

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### CHARITY

On Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Our Lady of the Lakes Council #6318 hosted an emergency bone marrow drive for Denise Cordovano-Kula and was organized by Jonathan Garcia our DGK.

The drive was for 38-year-old Denise Cordovano-Kula, a loving mother of two beautiful children, ages seven and nine. In 2009, Denise was diagnosed with leukemia. She was treated, and by the grace of God, was in remission for three years and four months. Unfortunately, her Leukemia has returned. She is now in dire need of a bone marrow or stem cell transplant.

Over 200 people from our own town of Carmel, Lake Carmel, Mahopac, Brewster, Fishkill, Poughquag, Stormville, West Islip NY, Danbury, New Fairfield and Ridgefield CT. came to support Denise and register for the bone marrow drive. The event was so successful that the registry ran out of applications and swab envelopes.

The community turned out in droves and brother knights came to assist Jonathan during the bone marrow drive. Those who assisted or came to make a donation were Bill Dowling, Jonathan Garcia, Joe Groneman, Denis Hanrahan, John Hanrahan, Darren Higgins, Stephen Kladis, Judge James Reitz, Judge Kevin Douchkoff, Russ Lavan, Michael O'Brien, Ricky O'Connor, Pete Rossano, Bernadette Baker, Ellie O'Connor, Mary Ellen Odell, Kathy Rossano, and Gail Silke.



*Article and photos submitted by  
Jonathan Garcia, DGK*

## *Farmingdale Council Hosts a Successful Easter Pancake Breakfast*

The Knights, Columbiettes and members of the Community working together resulted in a very successful 1st Annual Easter Pancake Breakfast. They look forward to hosting this event next year!



*Photo and article submitted by Ray Rendina, GK*



### Catholic School Support

Local councils in New York State were able to double their contributions to their local Catholic Schools by taking advantage of the New York State Council "Catholic School Support Program". The State Council set aside \$50,000 and matched donations from local councils who supported an "adopted" Catholic School. A total of 43 councils have benefited from this program and a total of \$100,000 has been contributed to local Catholic Schools from councils in New York State.

*Article submitted by Walter Fogleman, Chairman of Catholic School Support*

## *Springtime Prayer*

For flowers that bloom about our feet, For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet, For song of bird, and hum of bee, For all things fair we hear or see, Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky, For pleasant shade of branches high, For fragrant air and cooling breeze, For beauty of the blooming trees, Father in heaven, we thank Thee!





The New York State Knights of Columbus Council have partnered up with the New York Mets in conjunction with the Special Olympics of New York to provide assistance by raising funds for the year-round sports and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

The Special Olympics of New York gives these children and adults the opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy during these events. Join us for a night of fun and celebration with family, friends, and fellow supporters of this organization.

**Join us on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7 pm when the New York Mets host the Pittsburgh Pirates.**

**NYS Council Knights of Columbus** will be donating 30% of the ticket sales to the NY Special Olympics and the **tickets are only \$30!**

**Please purchase your tickets ASAP. See the next page of this ESB for all the information you will need on this event including how to purchase your tickets.**

**Please note the very Important change in purchasing your tickets**

**Please make checks out to:**

**NYS Knights of Columbus Council.**  
**In the memo: NY Special Olympics.**

**Thank you for supporting Special Olympics.**  
**Rocco F. D'Erasmus**





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# Knights of Columbus for

## New York State Special Olympics at Citi Field

### Pittsburgh Pirates vs. New York Mets

### Thursday, May 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 at 7:10PM

### Tickets only \$30

### Big Apple Section

**\*\*If 1,000 tickets are sold, 30% of all sales will be donated to NYS Special Olympics\*\***



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**The Squires** held an evening of recollection on February 23, 2013 and it was fantastic! The enthusiasm for this well attended event was evident. Visit the below link for photos on the website and take a look at their page while you are there!

<http://www.chaminade-hs.org/page.cfm?p=532&g=282>



*Article and photos submitted by Brother Peter Heiskell, S.M.*



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

April 1, 2013

Worthy Grand Knight:

With the historic election of Pope Francis, the Knights of Columbus has a unique opportunity to express our solidarity with the Holy Father by expanding our charitable outreach and growing our membership.

In taking his name from St. Francis of Assisi, "the man of poverty," and identifying himself so closely with the poor by his public acts and statements, the Holy Father has shown himself to be dedicated to charity. Since our Order's guiding principle is charity, there is no better way to express our solidarity with Pope Francis than to build each council in its charitable outreach by serving those in need.

With this in mind, I am pleased to introduce a **Membership and Program Special Incentive in Honor of Pope Francis**. During the next three months (April-June), **each time** a council takes part in a First Degree exemplification that brings at least one member into that council, it is entered into a competition for one of two all-expense-paid trips to Italy – including tours of Rome and Assisi – in early October 2013 for the grand knight and membership director and their wives. In addition, **each time** a council conducts a hands-on service program to help those in need, it has the opportunity to enter into the second part of the incentive for one of two all-expense-paid October trips to Italy for the grand knight and program director and their wives. To enter an activity, please use the enclosed form. Additional forms can be downloaded from [www.kofc.org/popefrancis](http://www.kofc.org/popefrancis). **There is no limit on the number of times a council can enter this incentive.** Winners for the two membership spots and the two program spots will be selected after July 1, 2013.

The goal of this program is for each council to raise community awareness about a specific community need and then sponsor a hands-on activity of assistance, in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi and our new pope. More members mean a greater potential for charitable outreach. Enclosed are details for both the membership and programming components of this special incentive. For more information, visit [www.kofc.org/popefrancis](http://www.kofc.org/popefrancis).

I urge you to take on the challenge in these next three months to promote and implement the **Membership and Program Special Incentive in Honor of Pope Francis** and truly make a difference for the good of your parish and community.

*Vivat Jesus.*

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight



## SPECIAL INCENTIVE CAMPAIGN MEMBERSHIP AND PROGRAMS ENTRY FORM



COUNCIL NAME AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

JURISDICTION \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON (name and phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Each time a council participates in a First Degree exemplification between April 1 and June 30, 2013, and brings at least one new member into that council, the council will be entered into a drawing for one of two all-expense paid trips to Italy for the grand knight, membership director, and their wives. In addition, each time a council conducts a charitable program between April 1 and June 30 — and reports that program to the Supreme Council using this form — the council will be entered into the drawing for one of two trips to Italy for the grand knight, program director and their wives. There is no limit to how many entries — either for participation in First Degrees or programs conducted — that a council is eligible for. The Supreme Officers will review all program report forms submitted to determine eligibility for the drawing.

Please list the volunteer hours of service — in a council-sponsored program involving the **parish and the community** — in the category that best describes your program

<i>Examples of Programs</i>	<i>Hours of Service</i>
Outreach to homeless shelter	_____
Collection/distribution of clothing to people in need	_____
Collection/distribution of food to food pantries/food banks	_____
Preparation/service of meals at a soup kitchen	_____
Other (please describe)	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Four winning councils will be drawn. All winners must have or be able to obtain by October 2013 a valid passport and/or visa to travel to Italy. There will be no substitutions or alternate awards given. The grand knight, membership director or program director of the winning councils, along with their wives, will be notified by the Supreme Council office.

Submit forms by email to [fraternalforms@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalforms@kofc.org), by fax to 203-752-4108, or by mail to Knights of Columbus, Attn: Fraternal Services, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326. Additional report forms can be downloaded from [www.kofc.org/popefrancis](http://www.kofc.org/popefrancis).



Membership and Program Special Incentive  
in honor of Pope Francis



A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi  
in October 2013





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**For more information, visit [kofc.org/popefrancis](http://kofc.org/popefrancis).**





## *We're Having a Baby Shower and You're Invited!*

*Margie Restivo, our First Lady,  
has selected The Sisters of Life as  
the choice charity for this year's New York  
State Convention Ladies Luncheon.*



*All attending the luncheon are asked  
to bring a baby item as a donation  
to The Sisters of Life!*

*We are anxious to make this a  
spectacular event and we know we can with your support!*

### *Some ideas are:*

#### *Baby Toiletries:*

*Powder, Shampoo, Lotion, Diaper Rash Cream*

#### *Baby Necessities:*

*Diapers, Wipes, Blankets, Towels, Wash Clothes*

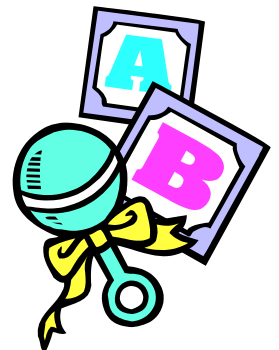
#### *Baby Tools:*

*Pacifiers, Teething Rings, Rattles*

#### *Baby Clothing:*

*Have fun shopping!*

*If you have any questions, please contact  
Margie Restivo at (516) 731 - 0873 or you  
can email her at [margierme@aol.com](mailto:margierme@aol.com).*



## **PRO-LIFE MASS/PRAYER RALLY**

A special thank you goes out to all who made our Pro-Life Mass a success. What a beautiful presence in the House of God.



**On March 20, 2013** many Brother Knights, Sister Columbiettes, friends and family participated in the New York State Albany Prayer Rally. The weather had been threatening, but despite Mother Nature's efforts, we had a very successful day. Representation from all over the state showed that Catholics are strong and will continue to fight the fight that we are faced with. Thank you to all who participated and made this day yet another great success.

### **Prayer to End Abortion**

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the Pro - Life Movement, and never to stop defending life. Until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Fr. Frank Pavone

National Director, Priests for Life // [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)

Life without "GOD" is like an unsharpened pencil -NO POINT- .



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the Editor:***

**We want to share the good work of our Order with everyone! Kindly submit your article to me by the 15th of each month and it will be in the next Empire State Bulletin. Please send articles to [esb.staff1@gmail.com](mailto:esb.staff1@gmail.com).**

**I look forward to hearing from you.**

**John G. Joseph, PGK, FDD  
Secretary to the State Deputy**