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### Newsletter - January 2007

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

Dear Brother Knights, families and friends,  
 I am pleased to present the first official state  
 newsletter, intended to keep you informed of  
 the many wonderful projects presented by the  
 State Council, as well as local councils  
 throughout the state. In it you will find  
 important information regarding upcoming  
 events, as well as direction from the state officers, district deputies,  
 membership and program chairmen. You will find this information  
 and more available on the supreme and state council websites,  
[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) respectively.



It has been an amazing 18 months as your State Deputy. Mona and I  
 are blessed to have experienced your support, ideas and initiatives,  
 and we thank you immensely. That said, there is much to do in the  
 final 6 months.

It is right that we begin every calendar year with a focus on Pro Life  
 initiatives. The Annual State Council Pro Life Dinner to be held at  
 Warwick Council January 12 deserves your attendance. You can  
 also join us at the Pro-Life Mass on January 20 at the Cathedral of  
 SS Peter & Paul in Providence, and on the bus trip to Washington  
 D.C. January 22 as we connect with jurisdictions and councils  
 throughout the country in voicing opposition to Roe v. Wade.  
 March 29 brings the Annual Founder's Ball, celebrating the birth date  
 of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. This gala event is open to  
 members, families and friends. Proceeds benefit the many charitable  
 endeavors of the State Council. It is also a time that we thank our  
 spouses and children for their support.

June will bring the always-anticipated Annual State Charity Golf  
 Classic, held this year at Chemowa Country Club in Attleboro, as it  
 was last year. Not only is this a great time to spend with each other,  
 the funds raised again go to benefit our charities.

In the meantime, much needs to be done on the membership front.  
 As our membership ages, it has been challenging to maintain our  
 levels, let alone grow. This is a perplexing phenomenon in that  
 membership in the Knights of Columbus is truly an "Experience of a  
 Lifetime!" Be proud of what the Knights of Columbus has to offer:  
 charity, unity and fraternity. Every Catholic man deserves to have  
 this experience. Ask them to join us.

To that end I ask all Grand Knights to organize support from their  
 councils and participate in each of the functions listed above. Each  
 one of them is a great recruiting tool. Every council is expected to  
 achieve membership quota. Know your quota and achieve it. Your  
 state officers, membership & program directors, and insurance  
 agents are ready to help in any way. All you need to do is ask.  
 As always, your comments and ideas to assist the Rhode Island  
 State Council Knights of Columbus in achieving the objectives of the  
 Order are always welcome. You can reach me personally at  
[golfinnewport@cox.net](mailto:golfinnewport@cox.net).

Mona and I wish you a Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year. Vivat  
 Jesus!

Arthur Sylvester, SD.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 01/04 -01/06/08: State Officers and District Deputies Mid Winter Meeting @ Howard Johnson's, Middletown, RI
- 01/12/08, 6:30 PM: Pro-Life Dinner @Warwick Council, Warwick, RI
- 01/17/08, 7:00 PM: State Officers and District Deputies Meeting @State Office, Cranston, RI
- 01/20/08, 10:00 AM: Pro-Life Mass @Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Providence, RI
- 01/22/08: Pro-Life March and Rally, Washington, DC
- 01/24/08, 7:45 PM (Candidates 7:00PM): 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification at Dillon Council, North Providence, RI
- 01/25/08, 7:30 PM: RI State Council Meeting at St. Francis Council, North Kingstown, RI
- 01/31/08: Forms 1728 and 4584 are due.
- 02/13/08, 7:00 PM: State Officers and District Deputies Meeting @State Office, Cranston, RI
- 02/15/08: Council Semi-Annual Audit is due.
- 02/17/08: Knights Night at the Providence Bruins, Providence, RI
- 02/22/08, 7:30 PM: RI State Council Meeting at Lincoln Council, Lincoln, RI
- 03/TBD/08: RI State Council Free Throw Contest @TBD
- 03/08/07, 00:00 AM: Day of Recollection with Fr. Paquette @St. Theresa, Pawtucket, RI
- 03/20/07, 7:00 PM: State Officers and District Deputies Meeting @State Office, Cranston, RI
- 03/25/07: Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child
- 03/28/08, 7:30 PM: RI State Council Meeting at Newport Council, Newport, RI
- 03/29/07, 6:00 PM: Rhode Island State Council Founder's Day Charity Ball @Rhodes-On-The-Pawtuxet, Cranston, RI
- 04/13/07: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE SECRETARY**

Brothers,  
I hope all of you had a Happy & Holy Christmas & New Year. It is now time to get back to the work of our Order. There are a few items I need to bring to the attention of council leadership:

1) 2nd notices for Council per capita payments to the state have been mailed to the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of each council. Delegate forms for the State Convention in May are also included in the mailing. Brothers, please keep in mind that both State and Supreme per capita must be paid in full in order for a council to have it's delegates seated at the convention.

2) Council insurance renewal is due by February 28. I need to know if any of the councils presently covered under the policy wish to drop out, or if any council not presently covered wishes to join. If I do not hear from your council, I will have to proceed on the assumption that your council wants to maintain it's present status. Billing will be sent to covered councils once the final price is established with RC Knox.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about either of these items, or MR Fund status, please feel free to call me (949-0323) or e-mail me at [SteveC618@aol.com](mailto:SteveC618@aol.com).

One final item. On Thursday, January 31 at 7PM there will be a meeting at the State Office, 1047 Park Avenue, Cranston, for anyone interested in a bus trip to the 2008 Supreme Convention in Quebec City, August 5 -

7. Information on the trip, as well as any available information on the convention itself will be discussed at that time. If you are interested, but unable to attend, please contact me at the number listed above.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Ciolfi, State Secretary

**A MESSAGE FROM THE RI STATE COUNCIL FOUNDERS DAY CHARITY BALL CHAIRMAN**

Brothers,

On March 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 The Rhode Island State Council will be having our Annual Charity Ball. This years event will again be held at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, We will have a seven piece band to entertain us. Tickets for this event are the same price as last year, \$40.00 per person tables of ten for \$375.00. Please contact State warden Peter Lentini ( 944-2613) for tickets.

Steven Mariano, District Deputy, District 2, RI State Council Founders Day Charity Ball Chairman, and RI State Council Degrees & Ceremonials Chairman

**A MESSAGE FROM THE RI STATE COUNCIL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN**

June 8<sup>th</sup> is coming and I have yet to fill the course for this years charity golf classic. After the tournament from last year I find it hard to believe that I didn't fill the course for this year, by the end of last June. The cost is \$100.00 and

it includes the golf. cart, and the dinner after. What a deal, the meal will be surf and turf as it was last year and guest tickets are still only \$25.00. So hurry-up and send me your sign-ups. Also this year I will be accepting payments, so you won't have to come up with the whole amount in June. I can be reached at-401-524-3639 most any time but, if I don't answer, leave me a message and I will surely get back to you. Lets make this year's tournament a big success, lets show our support of the Knights by filling the course this course can only support 108 players so hurry and reserve your spot by calling George Plante @ 524-3639

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE WARDEN**

**RI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
NIGHT with the **PROVIDENCE BRUINS**

**SUNDAY FEB 17** Game Time **4:05**



**FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!**  
**TICKETS ONLY \$20**

**GREAT LOWER LEVEL SEATS**

Price includes Macaroni & Meatball dinner at Scalabrini Council - St. Bridge's Church

JOIN THE GROUP! TO BUY TICKETS CONTACT

**PETE LENTINI at 401-944-2613**

**Deadline to buy tickets is THURSDAY JAN 31**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY REGARDING HOCKEY NIGHT**

Brothers All,  
Please don't forget to get your Hockey Tickets for the Providence Bruins, tickets are available from our Worthy Warden Peter Lentini (944-2613) for a game against the Lowell Devils on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2008, Tickets are only \$25.00 with a dinner to follow at St. Brigid's Church located at 1231 Plainfield Street, Johnston, RI 02919. This event is open to all members and none members please invite all your friends and families. This is what the Knights of Columbus is all about Friends and Family, so come and enjoy this great event.  
Thank you, Arthur

**A MESSAGE FROM THE RI STATE COUNCIL  
MEMORIAL MASS CHAIRMAN**

Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,  
This is a reminder that I would like to have the names of your deceased brothers of your council sent to me by April 12th, 2008 . If they were a state officer, former DD or a PGK, I would like to know that also. The e-mail address for all this is [memorialmasskofcri@yahoo.com](mailto:memorialmasskofcri@yahoo.com)  
Vivat Jesus  
Ernie Pennine GK, Fatima Council 4331  
Memorial Mass Committee

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY  
REGARDING THE PASSING OF THE AUNT OF OUR  
STATE CHAPLAIN, FR. PAQUETTE**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday January 11 at 10:30 am in The Chapel of The Jeanne Jugan Residence, 964 Main Street, Pawtucket. Relatives and friends were invited to The Residence. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory to the Little Sisters of The Poor, 964 Main St., Pawtucket, RI 02860 would be appreciated.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY  
REGARDING THE PASSING OF THE MOTHER OF  
OUR STATE WARDEN, PETER LENTINI**

I am just letting you know that our Worthy State Wardens Mother passed December 15. The funeral arrangements were as follows, Woodlawn Funeral Home located at 600 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston,

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS A  
PRO-LIFE OFGANIZATION**

**REMARKS BY SUPREME KNIGHT CARL A.  
ANDERSON AT THE 2008 MARCH FOR LIFE –  
WASHINGTON. DC JANUARY 22, 2008**

Thank you, Nellie, for your tireless energy and devotion to the pro-life cause.  
We first met 30 years ago at the March for Life and I am proud that thousands of Knights of Columbus have volunteered to help stage this march over the years.  
We have followed your example. We help organize Marches for Life all across North America - at the West Coast March for Life three days ago in San Francisco, in Mexico City last fall, and in the Canadian capital of Ottawa each May.  
We gather here today at the beginning of another election year, a year in which almost all of the candidates promise "change." But we have been coming to Washington for 35 years asking for change - asking to change *Roe v. Wade*.  
Thirty-five years ago, the Supreme Court *imposed* a change on our nation that is at odds with our history, our Constitution and our humanity. And it is time to change *Roe v. Wade*.

Abortion is wrong because abortion hurts everyone. It takes the life of the innocent unborn child. It victimizes the mother *and* the father. It compromises doctors and nurses. It undermines respect for judges. It implicates the taxpayer who pays for it. It coarsens the society that tolerates it. No woman should feel that she must have an abortion. We can find a better way.

We can build a society in which every woman and child can find the support and care they deserve. We can build a culture of life. We can give hope to every woman and every child. Today I see thousands of helping hands ready to make this hope a reality and I know there are millions more. Together we can bring change. Together we can build a new culture of life in our hearts, in our homes, and in our laws.

**GOVERNMENTAL LIASON & RESPECT LIFE OFFICE  
184 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02903  
401-421-7833 x 118**

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2008  
To: **Faith In Action Members**  
Re: **ACTION ALERT: Urge U.S. to Vote for Abortion Funding Restrictions**

Urge U.S. Senate to Vote for Abortion Funding Restriction Tuesday, January 22, the day of the annual March for Life, is the first day in 2008 that the U.S. Senate will be in full session. And on that day, the Senate is set to take up the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments (S. 1200). Sen. David Vitter (R-LA) is prepared to offer the Hyde Amendment (no federal funding for abortion except to save the mother's life, or in cases of rape or incest) as an amendment to this authorization bill. Please urge your two U.S. Senators to support the Vitter Amendment.

**On January 22, the Senate will meet at 10:00 a.m., and after the completion of morning business will proceed to the consideration of S. 1200. The first vote of the day is expected to occur at approximately 5:30 p.m. Persons participating in the March for Life should be sure to urge support of the Vitter Amendment during visits to their Senators' offices.**

The Vitter Amendment will correct an awkward and anomalous procedure in current law. Neither the authorizing legislation for the Indian Health Service nor a rider to the annual Interior appropriations bill (which funds the Indian Health Service) directly prevent the use of federal funds to pay for abortion in the Indian Health Service program. Rather, the authorizing legislation

specifies by reference that any abortion funding limitations in the annual Labor/Health and Human Services Appropriations bill apply to the Indian Health Service for that year (25 USC Sec. 1676). The Vitter Amendment would provide the appropriate adjustment to this arrangement by including the abortion funding restrictions of the Hyde Amendment directly in the authorizing law. The preferred way to express abortion funding policies in law is through authorizing legislation than through the annual appropriations bills. In addition, restricting abortion funding has been accepted policy for many years. In 1980, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Hyde Amendment, and over the years Congress has acted to ensure that taxpayers are not forced to subsidize abortion. The Vitter Amendment reaffirms this basic and longstanding Congressional policy.

**ACTION:** Contact both R.I. U.S. Senators by phone, FAX letter, or e-mail.

**Senator Jack Reed**

**Web Site:** [reed.senate.gov](http://reed.senate.gov)

**E-mail:** [Contact Via 'Web Form.'](#)

**Washington Office:** SH-728, Washington, D.C. 20510-3903

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**Phone:** (401) 943-3100 - **Fax:** (401) 464-6837  
**MESSAGE:** "Please support the Vitter Amendment to S. 1200. This amendment reaffirms longstanding congressional policy of not requiring U.S. taxpayers to fund elective abortion."

**WHEN:** *The U.S. Senate could vote on the Vitter Amendment as early as 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22. Please take action immediately!*

**HUMAN LIFE GUILD:** *Education – Pastoral Services – Public Policy - Prayer*

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY REGARDING THE PRO-LIFE DINNER**

Brothers All,  
Happy New Year to you and yours!  
It is fitting that we begin this year as we do every year, with a focus on Pro-Life activities. The most important of these as Rhode Island Knights of Columbus members is the annual Pro-Life Dinner, to be held this year at Warwick Council on Saturday evening, January 12 at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per person, to benefit Pro-Life charities.

**This note serves as a call to action for support of this most worthy event.** To date we have not received the expected response from our member councils. This is very concerning in that there is no other issue more important to our Order and our faith than the protection of life from conception to natural death. Every council is expected to be represented at our state's testimonial to the Pro-Life effort.

*We are a Pro-Life organization so let's show our support! This is what the Knights of Columbus is all about, Please make every effort to support this Life - Long event.*

**Grand Knights and members, please contact Jim Thomas as soon as possible with your councils reservation. This event is open to members and guests. A final count by Wednesday Jan 9th 2007.**

For Reservations Contact:

Jim Thomas

Home: (401) 934-2315, Cell: (401) 688-0627

Email: [jthomas.knights@cox.net](mailto:jthomas.knights@cox.net)

Checks payable to: RI State Council

Mail Checks to:

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54 Sandy Brook Road

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If you have any questions, please contact myself or your District Deputy.

Vivat Jesus! Arthur

**MOTHERS IN NEED**

Attn:Pro-lifers

The Mother of Life Center is need of 3 cribs. If anyone is cleaning out their house for the holiday season or knows someone who is please please think of us for a crib & other baby items!

Marlo 421-0820 or cell 215-0445

For pick-up please call Jim Cafferky 463-3539

**JUST ASK!**

Every member of the Order should consider it his #1 priority to bring a new member into the Order every year.

# Rhode Island Right to Life

Rhode Island State Right to Life Committee



**March for Life Mourns 35 Years of Abortion, Sees Hope for Pro-Life Future Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) --** Hundreds

of thousands of pro-life people turned out for the annual March for Life in Washington, braving cold temperatures to take a stand for the right to life of unborn children. While marchers mourned 35 years of legalized abortion, many sounded a hopeful theme for a pro-life future and think the decision will eventually be reversed. As with other recent marches, the number of young adults and high school and college students impressed organizers and provided another reason to be optimistic. "People will get on a bus and travel 24, 48, 72 hours, some even further," Concerned Women for America president Wendy Wright told the Washington Times. "That's such an immense dedication, which is striking when you consider it is not on behalf of privileges or rights for themselves." Catholic University wound up hosting more than 1,600 high school and college students from other states at their campus to help them afford attending the event. David Talcott, an Indiana University graduate student, said what happens in the future depends on whether the pro-life movement will continue to stay motivated. "It's just a matter of whether or not you see human life as important enough to defend," Talcott said. He urged pro-life advocates to do more than rally for life this month, but to remain active throughout the year. [Full story at LifeNews.com.](#)

Please join us at our annual pro-life rally next Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> inside the RI State House Rotunda as we remember the almost 50 million pre-born Americans who have died since the U.S. Supreme Court imposed Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton on this republic 35 years ago. We must continue to witness to our legislators that we will not give up this fight until the "inalienable right to life" of all pre-born children is protected by civil law.

The speaking program will begin at 3:15 p.m., but we encourage you to come early as you will need to go through security at the State House. You can park at the Providence Place Mall for \$1 or park at St. Patrick's School parking lot. See you there!!

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY REGARDING MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

(received from the National VAVS Representative Worthy State Deputies,  
Happy New Year; may 2008 be a very successful, productive year for all of you. It would be a real treat to see all of you on the Circle of Honor Cruise for this Fraternal Year.

Military NCD: New military council development where it is feasible and sustainable. We have NCD initiatives ongoing in several states and a real push by the State Deputy would, I am confident, bring these councils in. I have discussed NCD and/or military council reactivation with several of you and, again, with the State Deputy pushing we can accomplish these goals as well. I am available to any and all of you to support recruiting drives, new council organizational meetings, speak at State meeting, etc.

Military Roundtables: Where a new council development effort may need time to nurture, e.g. Ft. Carson, CO, a roundtable can be established as the foundation for a new council. Where a new military council is not feasible, a roundtable sponsored local council would increase our KofC presence at those installations. The roundtable concept has potential to support he need so our Knights deployed on Navy ships and with military units as they deploy to combat zones  
Maintenance of current military councils: While we may concentrate a great deal of effort on NCD, we cannot forget our extant military councils. I am most confident that those of you with military councils in your jurisdictions are working to keep them strong; whatever help you need in this area, again, do not hesitate to contact me for support.

Military Recruiting: We need to INVITE all eligible military members to join the Order. These men in this time of war need the Order for their spiritual strength and sustenance. I am continually overwhelmed by the desire for so many to join the Order, especially those in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan. Councils in Colorado, Florida, Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia are sponsoring RTs in Iraq, Afghanistan and Qatar.

Support to our Military: Worthy State Deputies, I am simply in awe of the support to our military men and women from programs sponsored by our local councils. The online Military Knights in Action page is an inspiration to me as I read about our Councils, and Assemblies, and the varied and innovative programs they pursue to give our men and women the support, material and spiritual, they need. God Bless all of them  
Veterans Affairs

VAVS "Serving those who Served". Worthy State Deputies, here I just ask you to but your strong support behind our Vice Supreme Masters and Masters as they execute this program under th auspices of the 4thDegree, in support of our Veterans. AS the National VAVS Representative to the VAVS, I am constantly made aware of the needs of our Vets, many indigent, homeless, and so in need of our support, again material and, as importantly, Spiritual. The many Veterans Service Organizations do a masterful job in lobbying vet benefits and providing for day to day material support. What the Order brings is th strong FAITH of our VAVS

representatives and volunteers at the VA Medical Centers. We are currently represented in 125 VAMCs across the Nation--there are 153. The recent Wheelchair Distribution Program at the DC, Dallas, Chicago, and LA VAMCs was a strong visible statement of the support of the Order and especially our Supreme Knight, for our Veterans. the Supreme Knight's goal is 100% KofC coverage in all 153. I need your help getting there. So please contact your VSMs and your District Masters, see what support they need, and then push council, assembly, auxiliary, and circle support to this program. I had the privilege of attending the Hennipen Provincial meeting at the invitation of VSM George Mallison. At hat meeting were the the State Officers, led by SDs Moegling (Ohio) and Wegener (Michigan)--the theme of this Provincial meeting was "Support to our Veterans". With this high level emphasis of the Vice Supreme Master and commitment of the State Deputies, i can attest that the VAVS participation in Hennipen Province has increased dramatically since September. The Supreme Knight, in his guidance and direction to me, and his "Commander's Intent", is to spread the Order of the Knights of Columbus across the United States Military and in every VA Medical Center. As I type this, our Knights in Iraq and Afghanistan are brilliantly exemplifying Fr. McGivney's vision in their support of the persecuted Catholics, Christians, and ordinary Iraqis and Afghanis. Here in the States our military councils are providing great comfort to the families of our deployed men and women. WE CAN AND WE MUST DO MORE. This global war on terrorism will outlast all of us. The defense of our freedoms rest on the shoulders of the brave Warriors of this generation and generations to come; many new Veterans enter the rolls each day, many severely wounded with life long wounds. They need the Order of the Knights of Columbus. These Brave men in many ways are the future of the Order. Their Honor, their Courage, their Commitment, are the virtues we are looking for to sustain us into the future. I spend each day worrying about and caring about them and their future, I need your help and I am there to help you. I will go anywhere, anytime to accomplish this mission, even North Dakota in the Winter!!!

God Bless all of you!!!  
 "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they Shall b Called the Children of God"

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE SETS 3 NEW RECORDS IN 2007**

Insurance in Force tops \$66 Billion; Monthly, Yearly Sales are Best Ever! Knights of Columbus life insurance in force reached \$66.1 billion at the end of 2007, setting a new all-time record, Supreme Knight and Chief Executive Officer Carl A. Anderson announced Jan. 2. It was the seventh consecutive year of insurance sales growth for the Order.

"The year 2007 was a very strong year for us," Anderson said. "Not only did we set a new record for insurance in force, but it was a record year for life insurance sales, which totaled \$6.564 billion. And December 2007 was our best month ever, adding \$864.1 million of new life insurance coverage for our members and their families. Our insurance sales for December 2007 exceeded the amount sold during the entire year in 1978."

"I am very proud of our 1,300 field agents and 130 general agents, who worked so hard and so effectively to help Knights protect their families and build financial security," Anderson continued. "Our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, believed strongly that we should provide every Catholic man with the means to protect his family from financial ruin by offering a sound, professionally-run life insurance program. The size and strength of our insurance program is a worthy testament to his far-sighted vision."

**A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY REGARDING MEMBERSHIP**

Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights, Membership Directors and Brothers All,

Supreme Council is reporting that only 6% of our membership has recruited a new member, or more alarming 94% have not successfully recruited.

Rhode Island continues to be singled out for twenty-plus years of declining membership. We need to impress upon the Supreme Council that Rhode Island is not going away, and in fact is turning the corner toward positive membership growth. We currently need 200 new members to meet our goal statewide. To do this, I need your help!

**If each council were committed to bringing in one new member for each of the five remaining months, we would realize our goal.**

I ask each Grand Knight and Membership Director to accept this challenge. Ask the council officers to set the example by recruiting one new member, and then encourage each member in your council to do the same. Do not wait for the Blitz, recruit today!

The State Officers, District Deputies and Membership Directors are ready, willing and able to assist you in any way possible. Just ask!

Vivat Jesus! Arthur