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State Deputy's Message

My Brother Knights, Families and Friends:

As we gather for the 109th Annual Meeting and Convention, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our Convention Chairman, Steve Burnley and his wife Lucretia and all those who have worked so hard to ensure that this weekend is an enjoyable and memorable experience for all in attendance.

My mission and vision, as your State Deputy was to do all that we do this fraternal year - "Ad Gloriam Dei" "For the Glory of God". That every Brother Knight, every Pastor and Priest, along with our Bishops, our church community, our social community and our elected officials would realize by our 'works' and our 'words' that the Knights of Columbus is not just an organization, but a ministry. A ministry comprised of men of a higher moral, religious and patriotic conviction. These are men who are not afraid to defend their faith, to defend the flag, to fight to resolve the injustices in our society and to defend human life from conception to natural death. Men who do all that they do for the Glory of God.

How wonderful it has been to travel around the State and hear from our Priests and Brother Knights on how proud they are to be a Knight of Columbus. I was very happy to see that throughout the state, our focus on the church and our theme was so well accepted. It has been heartwarming to see so many men and women proudly wearing the state pin, even when it is not a Knights function.

On Saturday, we recognized those councils and individuals that exemplify the principles of the Knights of Columbus; charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. When you hear of the thousands of projects that are conducted by our councils each year, you begin to realize the incredible impact that we have on our church, community and individuals. The tens of thousands of man hours and the millions of dollars raised and donated is nothing short of remarkable. But, I would think what is most pleasing to God, is how many lives and how many souls that you are directly responsible for saving.

Kathy and I wish to thank you for all of your prayers, your friendship, your support and your gracious hospitality throughout this year.

May God Bless You All For All That You Do.

Ad Gloriam Dei

Kelly Mortensen
State Deputy



2008—2009 STATE PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS
STATE ACTION PROGRAM AWARDS



District 1—George Henderson, District Deputy		District 8—Michael Gasper, District Deputy	
367	Mariner’s Award	6189	State Deputy Award
10766	State Deputy Award	6546	General Program Director Award
District 2—Jovito “DJ” DeJesus, District Deputy		9507	General Program Director Award
CLEAN SWEEP		11678	State Deputy Award
7363	State Deputy Award	12525	State Deputy Award
8240	State Deputy Award	13170	State Deputy Award
10601	State Deputy Award	District 9—James Hughes, District Deputy	
11781	State Deputy Award	395	State Deputy Award
11984	State Deputy Award	14129	State Deputy Award
District 3—Angelo Mele, District Deputy		District 10—Ronald Wisniewski, District Deputy	
CLEAN SWEEP		9953	General Program Director Award
4632	State Deputy Award	11042	State Deputy Award
10804	State Deputy Award	14034	General Program Director Award
13467	State Deputy Award	District 11—Richard Caporali, District Deputy	
13784	State Deputy Award	CLEAN SWEEP	
District 4—James Swanick, District Deputy		4034	State Deputy Award
CLEAN SWEEP		7812	State Deputy Award
9056	State Deputy Award	7877	State Deputy Award
10515	State Deputy Award	10246	State Deputy Award
12117	State Deputy Award	12434	State Deputy Award
12378	State Deputy Award	13599	State Deputy Award
District 5—Jerry Ladnier, District Deputy		District 12—Hector Dittamo, District Deputy	
CLEAN SWEEP		CLEAN SWEEP	
511	State Deputy Award	7165	State Deputy Award
5480	State Deputy Award	8183	State Deputy Award
6828	State Deputy Award	9259	State Deputy Award
74639	State Deputy Award	9285	State Deputy Award
11264	State Deputy Award	11958	State Deputy Award
District 6—Joseph Cronin, District Deputy		District 13—Stephen Burnley, District Deputy	
9428	State Deputy Award	459	Discoverer Award
11667	State Deputy Award	5750	State Deputy Award
District 7—Robert Straub, District Deputy		5998	General Program Director Award
6372	Discoverer’s Award	9407	General Program Director Award
		11170	State Deputy Award



2008—2009 STATE PROGRAM AWARD WINNERS



District 14—Alphonse Obuchowski		District 21—Robert Maher, District Deputy District	
6153	General Program Director Award	3670	Discoverer Award
7992	State Deputy Award	6328	State Deputy Award
8600	State Deputy Award	11262	State Deputy Award
11922	State Deputy Award	11324	State Deputy Award
12846	State Deputy Award	11475	State Deputy Award
District 15—Le Nguyen, District Deputy		13860	State Deputy Award
9655	General Program Director Award	22—Angelo Nicosia, District Deputy	
10723	State Deputy Award	670	General Program Director Award
14516	State Deputy Award	9488	State Deputy Award
District 16—David Todd, Sr.		10760	State Deputy Award
4522	State Deputy Award	District 23—Bernard Odasz, District Deputy	
6292	State Deputy Award	595	General Program Director Award
District 17—David Harris, District Deputy		10015	General Program Director Award
4654	Discoverer Award	13046	State Deputy Award
7566	General Program Director Award	District 25—Kevin Legge, District Deputy	
9781	State Deputy Award	562	General Program Director Award
12579	State Deputy Award	District 26—Harry Cheney, District Deputy	
District 18—John McCarthy, District Deputy		7853	General Program Director Award
6175	State Deputy Award	10979	General Program Director Award
6831	State Deputy Award	12046	Discoverer Award
11136	State Deputy Award	District 27—Vernard Jackson, District Deputy	
12791	State Deputy Award	6457	General Program Director Award
13468	General Program Director Award	11533	Discoverer Award
District 19—Joseph Hardcastle, District Deputy		District 28—Arthur Matthews, District Deputy CLEAN SWEEP	
5332	State Deputy Award	6963	State Deputy Award
10947	State Deputy Award	14263	State Deputy Award
12187	General Program Director Award	District 29—Rich Webb, District Deputy	
12963	State Deputy Award	11122	General Program Director Award
District 20—Scott Lavey, District Deputy			
3572	Mariner Award		
5561	State Deputy Award		
7771	State Deputy Award		
8393	General Program Director Award		
9002	State Deputy Award		



KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

Nelson G. Carey
Father Edward Fox Council #6747

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Roy & Diana Blakeburn
Mother Teresa of Calcutta Council #12117

COLLEGE KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

Huy Hoang
Father Justin Cunningham College Council #11324

YOUNG WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Anessa Caalim
Mother Teresa of Calcutta Council #12117

YOUNG MAN OF THE YEAR

Thomas DeAnda
Fort Belvoir Council #11170

SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS

Church

Father Edmond P. McCarthy #9428
Carillon for Evangelization

Community

Father Nicholas J. Habets Council #4632
World War II Veterans' Honor Bus

Council

Our Lady of Hope Council #12791
McGivney Visionary Program (MVP)

Family

Pope Leo XIII Council #10804
Brother's Family in Need

Youth

Father Vincent S. Sikora Council #7992
Knights of Columbus Catholic Colleges and University
Fair

NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Small Council

"Nightly News"
Fort Belvoir Council #11170

Large Council

"Knight's Spirit"
Holy Spirit Council #11922

OUTSTANDING WEBSITE AWARD

Kempsville Council #10515

FATHER BADER SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 Scholarship Winners

Shannon Tipton—Holy Spirit Council #11922
Bryce Wingate—Valley Council #3572
Maylwin Sellinger—John C. Webb Council #12134
Patricia Katzman—St. Gabriel's Council #13170

\$1,500 Scholarship Winners

Brandon Girmus—Santa Maria Council #4654
John Minnich—John C. Webb Council #12134

\$2,000 Scholarship Winner

Maria Santos—Father Cyril Karlowicz Council #9002

\$3,000 Scholarship Winner

Katherine Harbula—St. Gabriel's Council #13170

STATE FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Boys

10 Years Old—Chris Lansford (Council #6828)
11 Years Old—Conor James (Council #11136)
12 Years Old—Lorenzo Legaspi (Council #6828)
13 Years Old—Alex Fabian-Scotch (Council #11136)
14 Years Old—Brandon Rivera (Council #13467)

Girls

10 Year Olds—Malasia Boyd (Council #11741)
11 Year Olds—Kayla Airghi (Council #367)
12 Year Olds—Aaliyah Morris-Lee (Council #11667)
13 Year Olds—Libby McGraw (Council #367)
14 Year Olds—Rebecca Culhane (Council #11922)

STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE

Boys

10 Years Old—Jack Robbins (Council #7992)
11 Years Old—Jeremy Damone (Council #6328)
12 Years Old—Levi Mattison (Council #6328)
13 Years Old—David Gibson (Council #10804)
14 Years Old—Benton Szejka (Council #1080)

Girls

10 Year Olds—Savannah Morris (Council #6328)
11 Year Olds—Abbey Ludwig (Council #6831)
12 Year Olds—Teresa Zelnis (Council #11922)
13 Year Olds—Christine Domecq (Council #11475)
14 Year Olds—Christine Canavan (Council #6328)