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**RI State Chaplain 1913-1957**  
Our Council's Namesake

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY SQUIRES MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: FRIDAY, 1/6/2017  
TIME: 7:30PM

### JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 1/9/2017  
TIME: 7:30PM

### WILD GAME DINNER

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: SUNDAY, 1/15/2017  
TIME: 1:00PM

### KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1/25/2017  
TIME: 6:00PM

### FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 2/13/2017  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well.

I pray that you and your families are well and you all enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our next meeting is Monday, January 9th. Blessing Council is having a Wild Game Dinner on Sunday, January 15th, in the Saints John and Paul Parish Center at 1:00pm. There is still time to purchase tickets for the dinner. Contact DGK Angel Ferrer at (401) 385-3186 or [chefangel1950@yahoo.com](mailto:chefangel1950@yahoo.com). Our next event after the Game Dinner will be the Annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner on Sunday, March 12th.

Here are some of the upcoming Statewide events:

- The 2017 March for Life Bus Pilgrimage to DC for the 44th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. The bus will leave from Providence on Thursday, January 27th at 7:30pm. There will be multiple stops TBA.
- The Annual Pro-Life Dinner will be Saturday, January 28th at St. Cecilia Church in Pawtucket.
- On Sunday, March 5th, there will be a Providence Bruins Hockey Night with the K of C at the Dunk.

You can go to the RI K of C State website to get more information about these and other events.

Blessing Council will be conducting Membership Drives at both Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in the coming months. Remember one new member per month per council. Ask a friend, a family member or a co-worker to become a Brother Knight.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Frank D. Laiter, III

Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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## Chaplain's Corner

I pray all had a Blessed Christmas Season and also pray that you and your families have a Blessed, Healthy, Holy New Year in 2017.

In the month of January, we focus especially on the unborn, and pray God for an end to all abortions. That God give all women and men the strength to accept the birth of an infant.

On January 1st 2017, the Feast day of the Mother of God, Bishop Tobin open up a Marian Year for our Diocese. He asks that we focus on the role of Mary in our everyday lives. As Knights, we are all challenged to pray the Rosary each day let us make a firm effort to do so.

Maybe even inviting our family members to join us. This year the Church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady to the three young children of Fatima.

Once again May God Blessings be upon you and your families during this year of 2017.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Paul Lemoi  
Chaplain

### January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

David Canfield	January 2	Zachary Farrell	January 21
Stephen Kukulka	January 7	William Lyons	January 22
Richard Houle	January 8	Anthony Machado	January 24
Patrick Hurley	January 12	Anthony Favata	January 25
Anthony Paone	January 15	Scott True	January 30
Dale Cross	January 18	Richard Sullivan	January 31
Earl Mahar	January 21	Jared Andrade	January 31

*"Let what you heard in the beginning remain in you; as long as what you heard in the beginning remains in you, you will remain in the Son and in the Father."— 1 John 2:24*



### Upcoming State Pro-Life Activities

January is a very active month of Pro Life activities. The first is the Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 AM at St. Paul Church, One St. Paul Place, Cranston, RI.

The second is the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 27. Buses will leave from various locations throughout Rhode Island on Thursday, January 26. Cost is \$80.00. Deadline is Monday, January 16 contact Carol Owens at 401-7833 x218.

Finally, the Knights Annual Pro Life Dinner on Saturday, January 28 at St. Cecilia Church Hall. This is our biggest fundraiser to support the Pro Life Programs here in Rhode Island. Life & Family, Mother of Life Center, Little Flower Home, Rhode Island Right to Life, Billboards Across America RI. Let's fill the hall and show OUR support for all these excellent organizations!!! spread the word this is open to anyone. Deadline for Reservations is Monday, January 23.

The next State Meeting will be on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 7:30 PM at St. Cecilia Church Hall, 1253 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, RI. All Brothers Knights are encouraged to attend. As usual always check the state web site for what is going on in the State at <http://www.kofcri.org> and the State Facebook page at Knights of Columbus in Rhode Island.

### Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent



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### **WHO DOES IT? - Brother Knights Skills Listing**

Skill	Brother Knight	Phone	Email/Address
Construction/Roof Repair	Brian Smith	401-826-1725	BCS Contruction, 23 Holmes Rd., Coventry
Blueberry Farm	John Macomber	401-397-5079	<a href="http://macomersblueberryfarm.shutterfly.com">macomersblueberryfarm.shutterfly.com</a>
Certified Tutoring	Edgar Brouillard	401-354-9298	<a href="mailto:edbrou@gmail.com">edbrou@gmail.com</a>
Auto Repair	John Starziano	401-821-9887	Star Service Center, 53 Arnold Rd., Coventry
Plumbing/Electrical/Applicances	Tom Rossi	401-243-3767	<a href="mailto:tomr421@cox.net">tomr421@cox.net</a>
Writing Instruments	Herb Knott	401-316-7230	<a href="mailto:knotth1@gmail.com">knotth1@gmail.com</a>
Computer Repair	Mike Colvin	401-641-6881	<a href="mailto:mikegcolvin@gmail.com">mikegcolvin@gmail.com</a>

If you have a particular skill and would like to be included on this list, please contact FS Neil Fidler at [Narragansett55@yahoo.com](mailto:Narragansett55@yahoo.com) to be added.

*“See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.” – Isaiah 42:9*

## COLUMBIAN SQUIRES PROGRAM



Unfortunately, the Father Leo Anctil Circle #5211 will be suspended as of January 16, 2017. The last meeting was held on Friday, January 6. The reason for this is that the documentation held at Supreme headquarters shows that two of our four counselors do not have all the requirements completed in the Safe Training Program. This is an error on Supreme's part because all requirements were complete by all four counselors as of mid-2015. No notifications were made by Supreme to our Council about delinquent requirements until last month – an entire year and a half transpired! In early December, a form letter was addressed to Michael Benson, RI State Deputy, from Brian Gedicks, the Director of Youth Protection telling us that the requirements were delinquent and gave only one month to take care of the issue. What was also unfortunate was that the documentation kept by me on my laptop was lost in September 2015 when my hard drive crashed. I did have a backup drive, but found that it had crashed, too. All my data was lost including that safe training documentation.

Also, I would like to make mention that I believe the Squires program has really never been supported fully by Supreme, and given the new Domestic Church Initiative started by the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, which instructs Councils not to start new Squires Circles. It also instructs Councils to advise the youth, including Squires, to join their respective Church youth group. As such, I will step down as the Chief Counselor of the Circle and the State Squires Chairman to join Fr. Fleming at the SSJP Youth Group as a Chaperone. I have asked the Squires who are old enough to join us either at SSJP Youth Group or join their respective youth group. I am disappointed the Circle ended this way, but unfortunately, this is new direction of the Knights of Columbus.

I would also like to thank Father Prior Rev. Paul Lemoi, Past Father Prior Rev. Robert Forcier, Past Chief Counselor Tom Del Mastro, all Counselors past and present and all Squires past and present for their commitment to a great program.

Neil Fidler, Chief Counselor, Fr. Leo Anctil Circle #5211

## EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE



The "EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE" will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2017, at St. Pius X Parish, 45 Elm Street, Westerly, Rhode Island.

Contact PGK/FN Herb Knott or PGK/PFN Earl Mahar for more information and to obtain and submit an application today!

The Exemplification consist of a Mass, the Ceremonial, a Ladies Activity Program and a Banquet.

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Third Degree Knight in Good Standing.
- OBTAIN and complete an application.
- SUBMIT the application and fees to your Council's Financial Secretary.

DRESS CODE: Candidates – Black Tuxedo, White Fold Down Collar Shirt, Cummerbund, Bow Tie, Active Duty & Retired Military may wear dress uniform.

## SCHEDULE:

10:30 AM: Mass at St. Pius X Parish.

12:00 – 1PM: Candidates Check-In, St. Pius X Parish.

1:00 PM: Candidates Assemble for Prayer

Ladies Program at St. Pius X School, 32 Elm St.

1:30 PM: Exemplification Begins

4:30 PM: Banquet, Venice Restaurant, 165 Shore Rd., Westerly, RI.

## Costs:

Candidate: \$70.00, Includes Exemplification, Extras & Banquet

Guest: \$40.00 each to attend the banquet

Ladies Program: Held during the Exemplification, free of charge.

Brothers, if you are thinking of becoming a 4th Degree Knight don't hesitate because you have heard of the expense of the regalia required to be a member of the Color Guard. It is not mandatory to become a member of the Color Guard. When you think you might like to join, you can purchase a piece at a time until you have what you need. There are times when members who do not want to participate in the Color Guard any longer will give or sell you their equipment. There are many things you can do in the Fr. Wallace Assembly. I hope to see some of you at the assembly meeting in February.

Herb Knott, PGK/FN, Father Wallace Assembly #1055

*"Turn to me and you will be saved, all you ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is no other."*  
– Isaiah 45:22



# CHRISTMAS PARTY, SSJP PARISH CENTER, DECEMBER 2, 2016







# Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 Wild Game Dinner

Raffles!

## Menu:

Cash Bar  
Beer & Wine

Cheese & Crackers

Course 1: Marinated Venison & Signorina  
Mushrooms

Course 2: Rabbit Soup

Course 3: Pasta & Venison Meat Sauce w/ Rolls &  
Butter

Course 4: Cornish Game Hen

Course 5: Venison & Boar Meatloaf

Course 6: Boar & Peas

Course 7: Rabbit Cacciatore & Roasted Potatoes

Contact: Angel Ferrer 401-385-3186

**Sunday, January 15, 2017, 1:00PM**  
**Saints John and Paul Parish Center**  
**341 South Main St.**  
**Coventry, RI**

**\$35.00 Per Person**

**RSVP by January 6, 2017**