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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 4/10/2017
TIME: 7:30PM

INFORMATION NIGHT

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 4/17/2017
TIME: 6:30PM

COMBINED 1ST/2ND DEGREE CEREMONY

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: THURSDAY, 4/20/2017
TIME: 6:30PM

APRIL KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/26/2017
TIME: 6:00PM

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 5/8/2017
TIME: 7:30PM

MAY KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: 6:00PM

KANDI DRIVE AT PARISHES

SEE DATES AND TIMES ON PAGE



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray that you and your families are well. Our next business meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2017. As the Columbian Year is coming to an end, the Nomination Committee will be meeting and we will be having elections for new officers in June. If you would like to become an officer, please let the Nomination Committee know.

Blessing Council had a successful Membership Drive at Saints John and Paul Church the weekend of April 1-2. We will host an Information Night on Monday, April 17th for the prospective candidates in the Parish Center. A First and Second Degree Exemplification will follow on Thursday, April 20th in the Parish Center.

If you know of any Catholic gentlemen who might like to join the Knights of Columbus, please invite them to the Information Night and the Exemplification. New brothers help us to grow as a council and to do our works of charity.

The Annual Kandi Drive is in May, this year's Chairman is Worthy FS Neil Fidler. All the money collected will go to charities and organizations that help individuals with intellectual disabilities. We will have a Kandi Drive weekend at each of our parishes.

Here are some of the upcoming Statewide events, more details are on the State website:

- Saturday, April 22nd, The 6th Annual Pastoral Care Dinner at St. John Paul II Church in Pawtucket
- Saturday, April 29th, Teens are Dynamite at St. Agatha's Church Hall in Woonsocket
- Saturday, April 29th, Diocese of Providence Men's Conference sponsored by The Men of St. Joseph and the RI K of C
- May 5th - May 7th, RI State Convention at the Radisson in Warwick
- Sunday, June 25th, Fourth Degree Exemplification at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Pawtucket

My wife Sue and I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Easter.

May you all have a blessed Lent.
God Bless and Vivat Jesus!
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Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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One Year Trustee

Earl Mahar

Two Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Three Year Trustee

Herbert Knott



Chaplain's Corner

Well Spring has sprung or has it? Lent is coming to end soon, and the great celebrations of Holy Week is about to begin. I encourage all Knights to participate in the celebrations of Holy Triduum in their parish communities. These are the most sacred days of our Christian faith. When all three days are celebrated, they give us the full picture of the Paschal Mystery.

If your parish has holy adoration of the Eucharist after the Mass on Holy Thursday, please try and spend some time before the Sacred Eucharist. I believe that some of you are old enough to remember the practice of visiting seven Churches that night, if you can try and do it again. Please remember to pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all those who will come to embrace the Roman Catholic Faith at Easter, may they become an inspiration to us to live our faith more fully.

God Bless you all as we prepare to enter this Easter Season.
Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Paul Lemoi
Chaplain

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Robert Iannotti	April 1	Robert Chartier	April 20
Joseph Fleury	April 3	Tom Rossi	April 21
George Paquin	April 11	Alan Ogrodnik	April 26
Stelvio Cordeiro	April 12	Keith Parent	April 26
Richard Denningham, Jr.	April 14	Rudolph Cirelli	April 28
Robert Martin	April 15	Peter Turner	April 29
John Pizzo	April 19	Gerard Heroux	April 30

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."— John 11:25-26

2017 KANDI DRIVE SCHEDULE - TENTATIVE

Pending Pastor permission at each of the Parishes we support, here are the dates and times of our KANDI Drive:

May 6-7: Our Lady of Good Counsel (Masses: Saturday 4PM, Sunday 9 & 11AM)

May 20-21: St. Vincent de Paul (Masses: Saturday 4PM, Sunday 8 & 10:30AM, 5PM)

June 3-4: SS John and Paul (Masses: Saturday 5PM, Sunday 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM & 6PM)

Signup sheets will be available at the April and May meetings. Please make some time to support a worthy cause!

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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	macomersblueberryfarm.shutterfly.com
Certified Tutoring	Edgar Brouillard	401-354-9298	edbrou@gmail.com
Auto Repair	John Starziano	401-821-9887	Star Service Center, 53 Arnold Rd., Coventry
Plumbing/Electrical/Applicances	Tom Rossi	401-243-3767	tomr421@cox.net
Writing Instruments	Herb Knott	401-316-7230	knoth1@gmail.com
Computer Repair	Mike Colvin	401-641-6881	mikegcolvin@gmail.com

If you have a particular skill and would like to be included on this list, please contact FS Neil Fidler at Narragansett55@gmail.com to be added.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” – 1 Peter 1:3

WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS!!!



Please join the council in welcoming our two newest Brother Knights – **Jeff LaVictoire** and **Bo Kenahan**. Brother Jeff and Bo went through the Admission (1st) and Formation (2nd) Degree Exemplification ceremonies on Thursday, March 30. Our Brother Knights at SS John and James hosted the ceremony, and Blessing Council's degree team conducted the ceremony under the leadership of Degree Team Leader Pat Hurley and District Deputy Lee Rossetti. Be sure to introduce yourself to Brother Jeff and Brother Bo when you see them.

SS JOHN AND PAUL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our council conducted its annual membership drive at SS John and Paul Parish under the leadership of Membership Director and Worthy Recorder Paul Lemek. Here is Brother Paul's message to the council concerning the success of the drive:

I would like to personally thank all the Brother Knights that participated in last weekend's Blessing Council recruitment drive at Sts. John & Paul church. We gathered 17 names of prospective Brother Knights. I would also like to thank Fathers Paul Grenon, Stephen Dandeneau and Nicholas Fleming for their kind words about our Council at the announcements of all Masses.

We will be contacting the prospects soon and inviting them to an information night being held within the next few weeks. Please pray that many of them will join our Council.

The Brother Knights that participated in our recruitment weekend are: WGK Frank Laiter III, Earl Mahar, Dick Belanger, Herb Knott, Neil Fidler, Alan Ogrodnik, Anthony Favata, Frank Laiter II, Anthony Machado, John Murray, Angel Ferrer, John Pizzo, Jim Hall, Stephen Kukula, Robert Chartier and David Simonelli.

A special thanks to Anthony Machado who participated at every Mass except one at which he attended at his own parish.

God Bless you all,
Vivat Jesus!
Paul Lemek
Membership Director

INFORMATION NIGHT AND DEGREE CEREMONY

Following up on our recent membership drive at SS John and Paul, Blessing Council will be hosting an Information Night at the SSJP Parish Center on Monday, April 17, starting at 6:30PM. Prospective candidates and their family members are invited to this event.

The following Thursday, Blessing Council will host a combined 1st/2nd Degree Exemplification ceremony at the SSJP Parish Center starting at 6:30PM. Degree Team members are asked to arrive at 6PM to help set up the Parish Center for the ceremony.



“Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.” – Mark 16:9

MARCH "KNIGHT OUT," FAT BELLY'S COVENTRY, MARCH 29, 2017

