

**A Blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas!**



**THE BLESSING WORD**  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: SATURDAY, 12/9/2017  
TIME: 6:30PM

**LASALETTE SHRINE VISIT**

PLACE: LASALETTE SHRINE  
DATE: SUNDAY, 12/10/2017  
TIME: 4:30PM

**DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 12/11/2017  
TIME: 7:30PM

**JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 1/8/2018  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

During this most holy season of Advent, let us take a moment of silence and prayer for peace on Earth.

My wife Lucille and I would like to take the time to extend our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas to all, and May the good Lord Jesus provide our families with his divine guidance in the new year approaching.

First, we would like to welcome our three new brother Knights of Columbus, all from our lady of Czenstochowa Parish. David Legault, William Jakabek and EJ Robinson. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for sending our council these three wonderful Catholic gentlemen, and may Your divine guidance forever lead them in their Knighthood.

A special thank you to brother Shawn Corcoran and his wife for hosting a trip to the Knights of Columbus Museum located in Connecticut. We attended Mass at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Knights of Columbus, and received the Lord as a council. We had a light sandwich lunch, beverage and chips, then we were treated to the most fascinating tour of the museum that every Knight of Columbus should experience. I was totally amazed at how much we learned about the Knights of Columbus Brotherhood. Our guide was well prepared and was a mountain of knowledge. It was interesting from beginning to the end, without a dull moment. I am looking forward to our next trip to the museum and pray that those who have not been, will be able to attend.

Unfortunately, our Christmas Party was postponed due to bad weather, but stay tuned to find out what we might do as a council after the holidays.

If any Brother Knight knows of any Catholic Gentlemen in good standing with the Catholic Church who make a great Knight of Columbus, please refer them to our recruiting chairman and Deputy Grand Knight Paul Lemek.

Vivat Jesus!

Angel Ferrer, Jr.  
Grand Knight

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Earl Mahar

**Two Year Trustee**

John Pizzo

**Three Year Trustee**

Frank Laiter III



## Chaplain's Corner

My Brothers All,

Advent, a time of waiting in prayer, in order to be prepared once again in mind and heart to remember and celebrate the Birth of our Divine Savior, Jesus Christ. This season should be observed as a time apart from Christmas itself. My Brother Knights I ask you to please set aside some special time of prayer each day by praying the Rosary, reading Sacred Scripture or by attending daily Mass with the members of your family, in order to be truly focused on the season of Advent. May this season of Advent help each of us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas, God's gift to us of His Son as our savior. Many times, in the few weeks before Christmas, we tend to focus more on the readiness of our homes and Christmas celebrations that we go through the season of Advent never really celebrating it as a true time of preparing our hearts and souls. Use Advent as a time to prepare yourselves spiritually to once again experience the Christ coming into our own lives and that of the whole world.

May God, our Father, bless you in this time waiting and on Christmas find your hearts open to his special gift of his love for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

A blessed Advent season to all and a Joyous Christmas season.

Fr. Paul Lemoi  
Chaplain

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin
- His Excellency Bishop Robert Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- PGK/FN Herb Knott
- PGK Thomas Del Mastro
- PGK William Moskosky
- PGK James Woolley
- PGK Anthony Paone (recently deceased)
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother "Bo" Kenahan
- Wyatt Canfield
- Victims of recent natural and man-made disasters around the globe
- All US military personnel deployed abroad
- The Unborn

*"And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."  
— Luke 2:12*



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Kenneth Jackson    | December 5  |
| Russell Maxwell    | December 6  |
| James Kiley, Sr.   | December 7  |
| Chester Wendoloski | December 7  |
| John Cook          | December 15 |
| Russell Michael    | December 17 |
| Paul Trainor       | December 20 |
| Frank Andrade, Jr. | December 21 |
| David Simonelli    | December 22 |
| Paul Bellavance    | December 26 |
| Matthew Offiler    | December 27 |
| Robert Champagne   | December 28 |
| Fr. Robert Forcier | December 30 |

**PGK ANTHONY PAONE 1944-2017**

Our Council Brother, Past Grand Knight Anthony Paone, went to his final reward on November 22 of this year. Brother Anthony was Blessing Council Grand Knight from 2002 to 2004. He joined the K of C in February 1976. Please pray for the repose of Brother Anthony's soul and for his wife Martha and the entire Paone family.

**NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS**

Welcome to our newest Council Brother Knights: William Jakabek, David Legault and E. J. Robinson. These Brother Knights went through the Admission (1<sup>st</sup>) and Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree ceremonies on November 20, 2017, at Saints John and Paul Parish Center. All three Brother Knights joined our council as a result of our membership drive at Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul in October. Welcome Brothers William, David and E. J.!

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES NOTES****Knights of Columbus Museum Trip**

On Saturday 11/18, a group of 25 Brother Knights and guests traveled to New Haven to visit St. Mary's Church and the K of C Museum. During our time at St. Mary's we were hosted by PGK Bob Goosen of the Father McGivney Council. Bob provided interesting history surrounding both St. Mary's and Father McGivney - the group couldn't thank him enough for the color he brought to our visit! After this, we headed to the museum where the staff had lunch waiting and welcomed us with open arms! Following lunch, a guided tour of the WWI exhibit led by Jon Ericson had us all amazed at how little we knew about the Knight's involvement in the War...we can all be proud at how the Knights of Columbus supported the efforts in Europe and at home and were truly a light shining in a very dark part of history. After that, we had the opportunity to tour the rest of the museum and see the Crèche's of the world.

And I know that more than a few of our Council Officers would like to hold our next Council meeting in the Museum's Council Chambers - Impressive!

A great time was had by all! Pictures from the event are at the end of this newsletter, or our Facebook Page and soon to be on our website.

**LaSalette Shrine Lights visit**

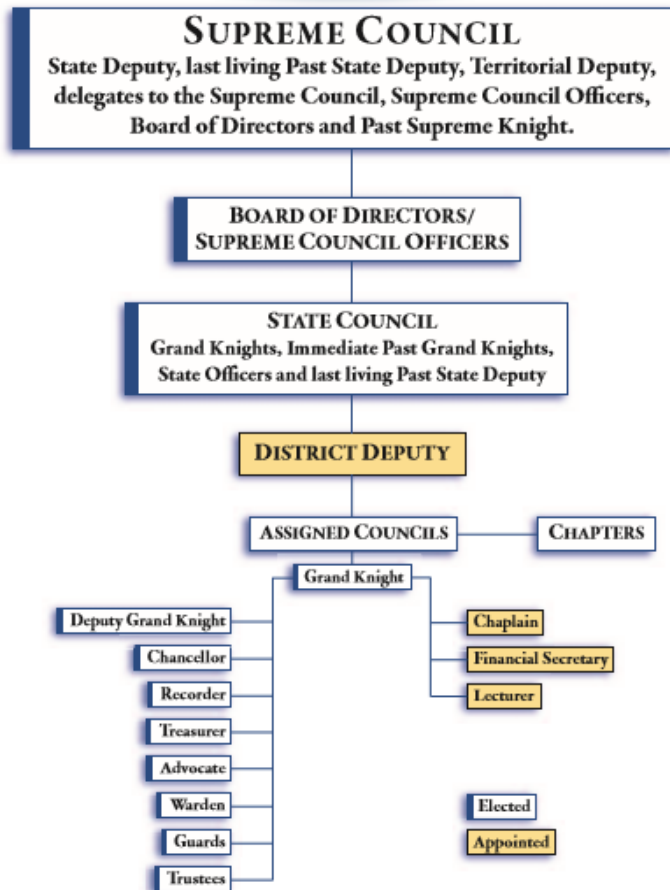
A visit to LaSalette Shrine to view the Festival of Lights is planned for Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, with a rain date of Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to be at the Shrine for 4:30pm and meet in front of the Church. Lights go on at 5:00!

**State Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets are still available for sale. We have 21 books left to distribute. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets or helping distribute should contact Brother Shawn Corcoran via email: LARBUN4@GMAIL.COM or call 401-556-0360.

Shawn Corcoran  
Council Activities Chairman

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; \* the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel.” – Isaiah 7:14*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ORG CHART****Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent**

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Did you know that life insurance isn't the only benefit you're entitled to as a Knight of Columbus? There are many more products offered by Knights of Columbus Insurance such as:

- Permanent Life Insurance
- Term Life Insurance
- Retirement Annuities
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- Disability Income Insurance
- Survivor Benefits
- Fraternal Benefits
- A Comprehensive, Complimentary Financial Analysis
- End-of-Life Planning

Give Steve Del Deo a call at 401-256-2896 to find out more.

**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     |
| Certified Tutoring              | Edgar Brouillard | 401-354-9298 | edbrou@gmail.com                             |
| Woodworking                     | David Tremblay   | 401-580-5784 | triumph213@yahoo.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                              |
| 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.

*“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:14*



### **AWARDS AND DONATION NIGHT**

On Saturday 11/11, our council held its annual Awards and Donation Night, a tradition that goes back to our very first event in October 2011. Our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul Lemoi started things off with an opening prayer.

After a great cookout meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and other goodies, the council recognized the champions of our Soccer Challenge –



9-year old boys champion – Luca Palumbo  
 10-year old girls champion – Isabella St. Angelo  
 10-year old boys champion – Preston Palumbo  
 11-year old girls champion – Olivia Krupka  
 11-year old boys champion – Jacob Dounetus  
 12-year old girls champion – Corinne Ciummo  
 12-year old boys champion – Caleb Derocher  
 13-year old girls champion – Jillian Plante  
 14-year old boys champion – Brendan Warwick  
 14-year old girls champion – Ada Pizzo

Earlier in the month, our champions took part in the State Championship held in Cumberland. Four of our champions won their respective divisions as follows:

10-year old boys champion – Preston Palumbo  
 11-year old boys champion – Jacob Dounetus  
 12-year old girls champion – Corinne Ciummo  
 12-year old boys champion – Caleb Derocher

After the presentations to our soccer champions, the council presented donations to the following donees:

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| Scholarships for two FJVD students | \$1,000 |
| RSVP Donation to two seminarians   | \$1,000 |
| Our Lady of Good Counsel Church    | \$1,000 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Church         | \$1,000 |
| Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church    | \$1,000 |
| Saints John and Paul Church        | \$1,000 |
| Project Friends Coventry           | \$1,000 |
| CHS Transitions to Success         | \$1,000 |
| Meeting Street School              | \$500   |
| K of C Disaster Relief Fund        | \$500   |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society        | \$250   |
| Our Daily Bread Program            | \$250   |
| Coventry Food Bank                 | \$250   |
| "Keep the Heat On" Fund            | \$250   |
| Senior Priest Fund                 | \$250   |

After the donations were presented, the following awards were presented:

Priests Appreciation – Fr. Grenon, Fr. Lemoi, Fr. Ploch,  
 Fr. Duggan, Fr. Dandeneau, Fr. Fleming  
 Knight of the Year – Anthony Machado  
 Family of the Year – The Pizzo Family  
 Certificates of Appreciation – All Brother Knights who  
 participated in the KANDI Drive last May.

After presentation of our awards, Father Grenon gave the final blessing and a hearty thank you and goodbye was given to the attendees of the event.



*“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favors.” - Luke 2:14*



## ST. MARY'S CHURCH & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM TRIP

The Council Activities Director, Shawn Corcoran, organized a very special trip to the New Haven to visit St. Mary's Church and the K of C Museum. Here are some photos from that trip:

