

A Happy and Blessed New Year 2018!



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

JANUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1/3/2018
TIME: 7:00PM

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

FEBRUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 2/7/2018
TIME: 7:00PM

FREE THROW CHALLENGE

PLACE: FJVD GYMNASIUM
DATE: SUNDAY, 2/11/2018
TIME: NOON TO 3PM

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 2/12/2018
TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

Let us take a moment of prayer in thanking our Lord Jesus Christ for his Divine Guidance in the year 2017.

A moment of silence and prayer for all our brother Knights who have faithfully departed in the year 2017

A very special thank you to our Council Chaplain the Reverend Father Paul Lemoi. Thank you, Father Lemoi, for your Spiritual guidance, and your leadership qualities that you brought to our council in the year 2017.

Thank you to all our Priest in all our council's parishes, Saints John and Paul, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Saint Vincent De Paul, and Our Lady of Czenstochowa. It truly is a blessing and a spiritual uplifting, to have all our Priests support the Knights of Columbus charitable way.

Thank you to all our committee members, Brother Knights and their families, and friends, in helping our council achieve a successful 2017.

Let us now have a moment of silence and prayer in asking our Lord Jesus Christ to shine his Divine guidance upon our council for the year 2018.

If any Brother Knight knows of any Catholic Gentlemen in good faith with the Catholic Church, who wants to become a brother Knight of Columbus, please contact our recruiting chairman, Brother Paul Lemek at 401-999-5480.

Vivat Jesus!
Angel Ferrer, Jr.
Grand Knight

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Paul Lemek

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Mark Giolitti

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Anthony Machado

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James Hall

Outside Guard

Stephen Kukulka

Lecturer

Alan Ogrodnik

One Year Trustee

Earl Mahar

Two Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Three Year Trustee

Frank Laiter III



Chaplain's Corner

My Brothers All,

On January 1, 2018 we will begin a new year by celebrating the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Parishes will hold Mass to seek the Lord's blessing on the New Year ahead, please try to attend that mass with your family. Many of us will be making New Year's resolutions to bring about change in our everyday lives, but I wonder how many of us will be making spiritual resolutions for the betterment of our souls. Somehow, we always forget that part of our being, the very image of God within us.

Let us all strive to be more spiritual in the New Year, by praying the rosary daily, by attending daily Mass when possible, reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Becoming more active and visible in our Parish communities in the various ministries of the church; Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters and Collectors. Like our everyday life our spiritual life needs to be nurtured and sustained to remain healthy and that is something we have to be attentive to daily or else we can so easily let things slip by.

May God's blessings be upon you and your families throughout this New Years to guide, protect and sustain you and may our Blessed Mother shower you with her love.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Paul Lemoi

Chaplain

PRAYER INTENTIONS

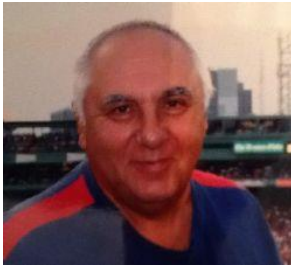
- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin
- His Excellency Bishop Robert Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- PGK/FN Herb Knott
- PGK Thomas Del Mastro
- PGK William Moskosky
- PGK James Woolley
- Chancellor Mark Giolitti
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary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

*"So for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation: the old order is gone and a new being is there to see."
— 2 Corinthians 5:17*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

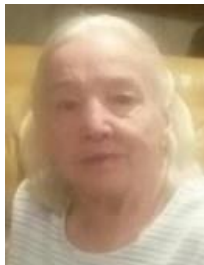
Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

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

PASSINGS

Brother Richard N. Gaudette 1937-2017

Our Council Brother, Richard N. Gaudette, went to his final reward on December 10, of this year. Brother Dick joined the K of C in March 1972. Please pray for the repose of Brother Dick's soul and for his wife Joan and the Gaudette family



Ann M. Munroe 1935-2017

Ann M. Munroe, wife of our late Council Brother Harry Munroe, went to her final reward on December 19, of this year. Please pray for the repose of Ann's soul and for the Munroe family.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES NOTES**State Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets are still available for sale. We have 19 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAITER FAMILY!

Congratulations to Worthy Immediate Past Grand Knight Frank Laiter III and his wife Sue on becoming grandparents for the first time with the birth of their grandson Elijah on January 3. What a way to start off the New Year! Also, congratulations to our council brother Frank Laiter, Jr., and his wife, Shirley, on the birth of their great-grandson!

“Sing a new song to Yahweh, for he has performed wonders, his saving power is in his right hand and his holy arm.” – Psalm 98:1

DUTIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

Recently, there have been a few questions raised by our council membership as to the duties of our council officers. Over the next few months, we'll post a summary of the duties of each officer which come from the "Duties of Council Officers" pamphlet put out by Supreme. First up, Grand Knight. Our Grand Knight for the 2017-18 Columbian Year is Angel Ferrer, Jr.

Grand Knight



The grand knight is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints a membership and programming director, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council's financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. The grand knight is a member of the Advisory Board with general supervision of the council's Columbian Squire circle. *For more specific duties and responsibilities, refer to the Grand Knight's Handbook (#915).*

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

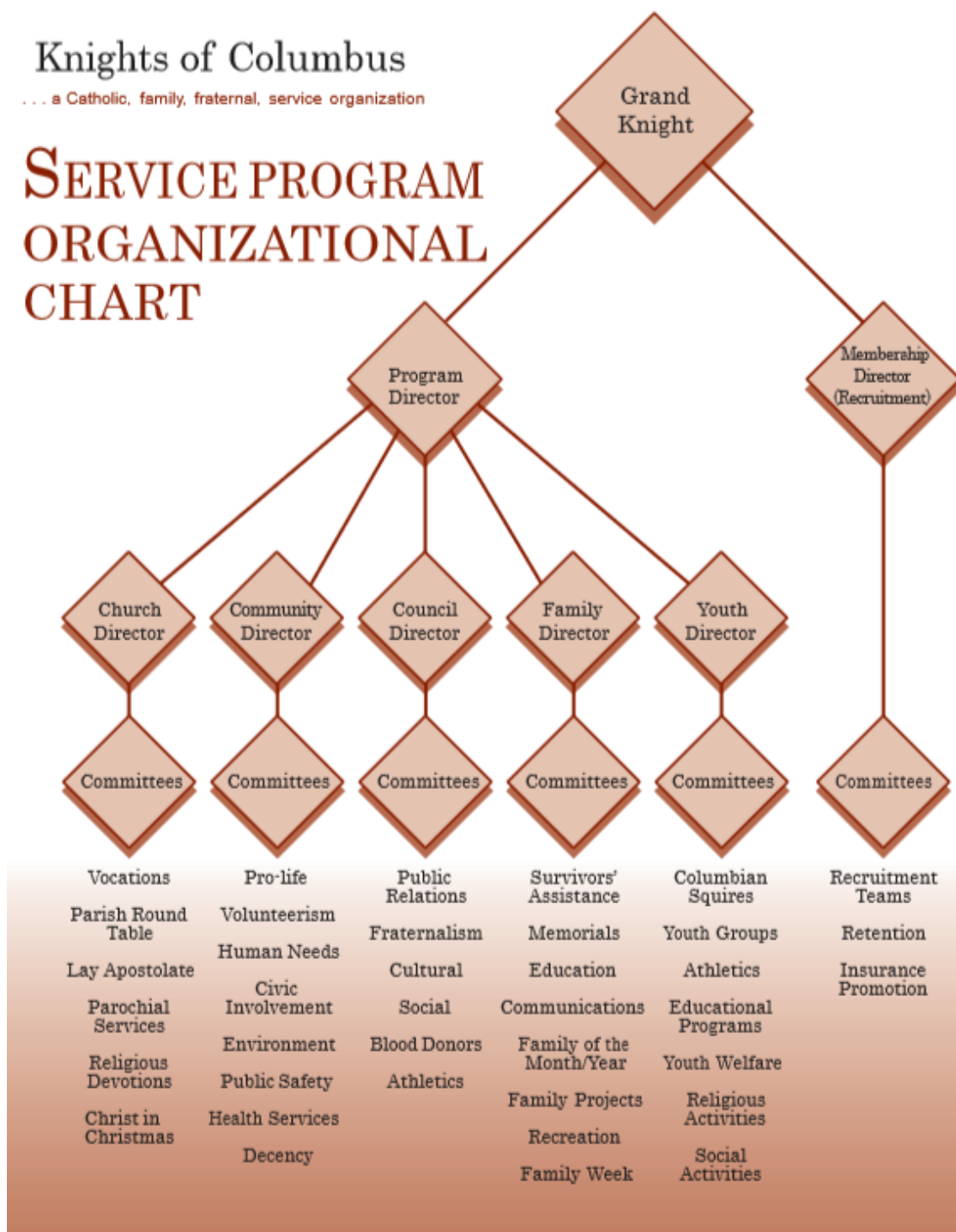
If you have a particular skill and would like to be included on this list, please contact FS Neil Fidler at Narragansett55@gmail.com to be added.

"In my estimation, all that we suffer in the present time is nothing in comparison with the glory which is destined to be disclosed for us." - Romans 8:18

SERVICE PROGRAMS

Recently, there have been a few questions from Brother Knights in our Council concerning the duties of the Program Directors/Chairmen and their respective Program Committees. Supreme has articulated these duties on their website in a PDF document which can be found here: https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/survey_manual.pdf

Here is the basic structure of the Service Programs:



SERVICE PROGRAMS

This month we will discuss the Church Activities Program. The Church Director for Blessing Council is Neil Fidler. The detail for Church Activities can be found starting on Page 9 of this PDF document: https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/survey_manual.pdf

Within the Church Activities at Blessing Council reside the Round Tables. Currently, Blessing Council holds three round tables as follows:

Our Lady of Good Counsel	Fr. Paul Lemoi, Pastor	Michael Greene & Mark Giolitti, Round Table Chairmen
St. Vincent de Paul & Our Lady of Czenstochowa	Fr. Jacek Ploch, Pastor	Edgar Brouillard, Round Table Chairman
Saints John and Paul	Fr. Paul Grenon, Pastor	Earl Mahar, Round Table Chairman

Each of the Round Table Chairmen work closely with the Pastor to make sure that the Council is providing the service necessary for each Parish.

Other areas where Church Activities cover are as follows:

- Lay Apostolate
- Evangelization
- Father Michael J. McGivney and his Legacy
- Vocations
- Parochial Services
- Religious Devotions
- Keep Christ in Christmas

If any of these areas appeal to you, please contact the Church Director Neil Fidler to get involved.

