



# 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

### 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

### MARCH OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3/7/2018  
TIME: 7:00PM

### MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 3/12/2018  
TIME: 7:30PM

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

PLACE: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GRODON CTR  
GYMNASIUM  
DATE: SUNDAY, 3/18/2018  
TIME: 2:00PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers in Christ All,

May we take a moment of silence, and let us all pray for peace on Earth!

As we approach this season of Lent, I would like to put out a challenge to all brother Knights, to attend daily Mass for 40 straight days!!! I would like to Congratulate Brother Shawn Corcoran as our council's new chairman of our fundraising committee. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact brother Shawn, he is waiting on your call.

Our next council fundraiser will be our annual Saint Patrick's Day party. This event will take place on March 18, at the Saint Vincent de Paul Grodon Center (in the rear of the Church). Cocktails with cheese and cracker table to start at 2:00 pm. Dinner will start at 2:30 pm. Our council requests the presence of all our brother Knights!!! Please come and enjoy a wonderful time, and of course a great meal to go along! All are welcome! Family and friends, please come and bond with our Knights of Columbus family and help showcase our charitable way!

If any Brother Knight knows of any Catholic gentleman in good faith with the Catholic Church who wants to become a brother Knight of Columbus, please contact our worthy Membership Director, Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Paul Lemek at 401-999-5480.

Vivat Jesus!

Angel Ferrer, Jr.  
Grand Knight

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**One Year Trustee**

Earl Mahar

**Two Year Trustee**

John Pizzo

**Three Year Trustee**

Frank Laiter III



## Chaplain's Corner

My Brothers All,

Pope Francis reminds us that "Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death."

On Ash Wednesday, we will receive the sign of Ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our commitment to us the elements of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving over the days of Lent to help us live more fully our commitment to the Gospel of Christ. It is a true time of conversion, sincere conversion to Christ and to his example of boundless mercy and loving service. Each day of Lent helps us to consider what we can do to follow Jesus not just to the Cross but beyond to the Resurrection.

Make a sincere effort to participate in the Lenten activities offered in your parish or one nearby. Once again strive for daily Mass, praying daily the Rosary, making the Stations of the Cross and performing acts of service to your brothers and sisters. Maybe offer to give someone a ride to daily Mass or to the Stations of the Cross. In this Lenten season allow the Holy Spirit to work in you and through you as we are drawn more deeply in to Christ Paschal Mystery.

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
- GK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK/PFN Earl Mahar
- PGK Thomas Del Mastro
- PGK William Moskosky
- PGK James Woolley
- Chancellor Mark Giolitti
- Brother John Connor
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother "Bo" Kenahan
- Brother David Legault
- Brother Gerard Salois (deceased in 2016)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Wyatt Canfield
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

*"The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days"*  
— 2 Luke 5:35



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Victor Moffitt	February 2
Tom Del Mastro	February 2
John Folloni, Jr.	February 5
Raymond Piccirilli	February 6
David Florio	February 6
Fr. John J. Duggan	February 7
Dr. Douglas De Cubellis	February 14
John Connor	February 15
Daniel Danis	February 16
Richard Lord	February 17
Frederick Haibon	February 19
George Charpentier	February 23
Fr. Paul Lemoi	February 25
Joseph Allen	February 26

**PASSINGS****Brother Gerard Salois 1925-2016**

Our Council Brother, Gerard "Jerry" Salois, went to his final reward on July 14 of last year. Brother Jerry joined the K of C in March 1963. He was a US Navy veteran of World War II. Please pray for the repose of Brother Jerry's soul and for his wife Beatrice and the Salois family

**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES NOTES****State Raffle Tickets**

An additional 50 Books of raffle tickets have been purchased from the RI State Council. I will have them available for purchase and distribution during the February Council meeting.

This is a great opportunity to help boost the Council funds which support all of our great work. If you would like to help sell the tickets, please let Brother Shawn Corcoran know.

The State Raffle will be held in April 2018 and prizes include \$1000, \$500 & \$250 levels.

**Fundraising Committee**

The Fundraising Committee is off to a great start for 2018, identifying several events which will be scheduled throughout 2018. Planning is already underway for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Fundraiser, so mark your calendar for Sunday March 18th.

Past, successful events are being targeted are a Steak Fry, Award's Donation Night and the Annual Christmas party. Some new events being considered for 2018 are a May Breakfast, Yard Sale event and an Italian Dinner night. A calendar of events is being developed, though the committee is looking to schedule events to happen regularly, throughout the year.

We are always looking for extra hands to help with the planning, and coordinating to make these events a success. Please contact Shawn Corcoran @ [LARBUN4@gmail.com](mailto:LARBUN4@gmail.com) (or call 556-0360) with any questions, ideas or if you would like to get involved.

Shawn Corcoran  
Council Activities Chairman

**WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS**

Welcome to our newest Council Brother Knights: David Brodeur and Guy Lasorsa. Brothers David and Guy went through the Admission (1<sup>st</sup>) and Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree ceremonies on January 22, 2018, at Saints John and Paul Parish Center. Welcome Brothers David and Guy!

*"And when he was come into the house, his disciples secretly asked him: Why could not we cast him out? And he said to them: This kind can go out by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." – Mark 9:27-28*

**DUTIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS****DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT**

The deputy grand knight serves as the grand knight's right-hand man and should fill in for the grand knight when he is not present. Additionally, the deputy grand knight will likely lead a committee, or multiple, if he chooses to do so. Some deputy grand knights serve as their council's program director. Ultimately, he assists the grand knight in leading the council and reaching council objectives. In some councils, the deputy grand knight role might be used to groom a possible grand knight candidate for the following year. Finally, the deputy grand knight may serve as a liaison between the council and other groups that share similar interest (i.e. Newman Club, pro-life club, etc.).

**Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent**


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- 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 He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.” - Romans 8:18*





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
**FREE THROW  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 9 - 14

**FOR ENTRY FORM AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Contact: **Neil Fidler**

Phone: **401-632-7922**

Date: **Sunday, February 11, 2018** Time: **Noon to 3PM**

Location: **Father John V. Doyle School Gymnasium**

Sponsored by: **Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273**



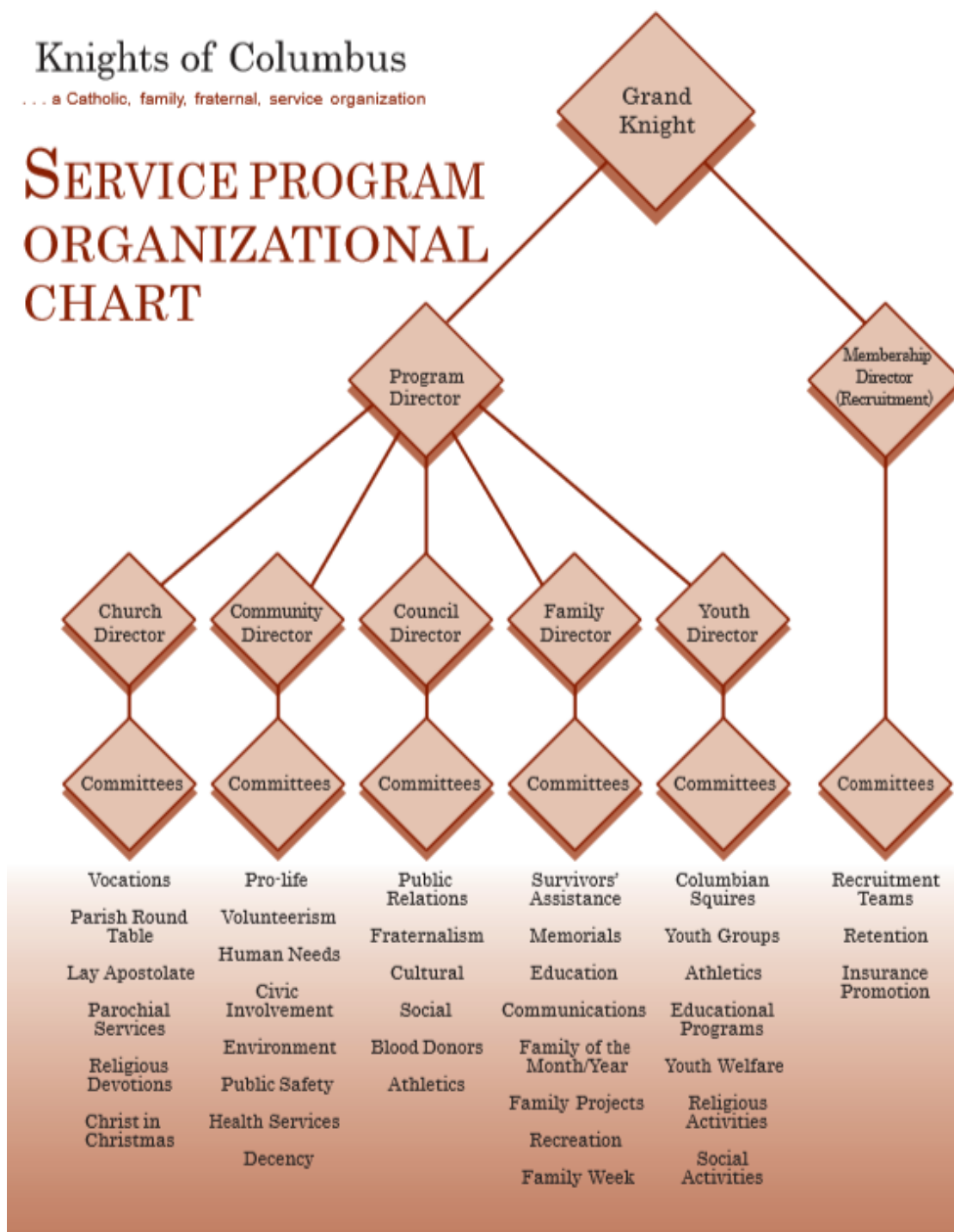
*"All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again." - Ecclesiastes 3:20*



## 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](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 Community Activities Program. The Community Director for Blessing Council is John Pizzo. The detail for Community Activities can be found starting on Page 13 of this PDF document: [https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/survey\\_manual.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/council/survey_manual.pdf)

Other areas where Community Activities cover are as follows:

- Volunteerism
- Human Needs
- Civic Involvement
- Environment
- Public Safety
- Health Services
- Decency

Some of the community activities Blessing Council participates in are the maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue Ave. and Arnold Rd., Operation and KANDI Drive. If any of these areas appeal to you, please contact the Community Director John Pizzo to get involved.

