



**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**

**SEPTEMBER OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9/5/2018  
 TIME: 7:00PM

**COMEDY NIGHT – FUNNY4FUNDS**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
 DATE: FRIDAY, 9/7/2018  
 TIME: 7:00PM

**SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
 DATE: MONDAY, 9/10/2018  
 TIME: 7:30PM

**SOCCER KICK CHALLENGE**

PLACE: FISH HILL SOCCER COMPLEX  
 DATE: SATURDAY, 9/15/2018  
 TIME: 8:30AM

**OCTOBER OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 10/3/2018  
 TIME: 7:00PM

**OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
 DATE: MONDAY, 10/8/2018  
 TIME: 7:30PM

**AWARDS AND DONATION NIGHT**

PLACE: GRODEN CENTER (ST VINCENT DE PAUL)  
 DATE: SATURDAY, 10/27/2018  
 TIME: TBD



**Grand Knight's Corner**

My Brothers all,

I pray that you and your families are well.

I would like to address the crisis in the Catholic Church that is going on right now with regards to sexual abuses by pedophile priests.

All my years in the Catholic Church and as an altar boy in my youth, I have always known faithful and dedicated priests in Christ. As this abuse is absolutely not acceptable by anyone. I am convinced that the great majority of priests in the world are dedicated to the proclamation of the Good News in Christ and the desire to bring their parishioners to know the Mercy and Love of God, the Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many have given their very lives for the Faith.

Let us not be afraid! Our Catholic Church was instituted by Christ. He gave us the Eucharist along with all the other Sacraments. He said that He would be with His Church until the end of time.

Let us not lose our Faith, Brothers, because of this crisis. Let us also pray for and stand by our faithful and dedicated bishops, priests, deacons and seminarians that we have been privileged to know (as the Knights of Columbus always have) and let us continue to pray for priestly vocations because it will take much courage to be a priest in the coming years.

Vivat Jesus!  
 Paul Lemek  
 Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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Carl A. Anderson

**RI State Deputy**

Michael Dziok

**District Deputy (RI Dist. 5)**

Michael Colvin

**Insurance Agent**

Stephen Del Deo

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**Two Year Trustee**

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**Three Year Trustee**

Angel Ferrer, Jr.



# Chaplain's Corner

As we start to leave the summer, September brings our families into another school year for our children a year full of expectations, fears and anxieties. Pray for all our students that their minds will be opened to all the new experiences of learning this year. Remember to drive safely, especially with students walking to and from school and around areas of school bus stops.

September is known as the month of our Lady of Sorrows. In September we will celebrate the feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Virgin Mary. In September we will celebrate the Feats of the Exaltation of the Cross.

In a letter from our Most Reverend Bishop, Thomas Tobin, he is asking each of us to join with him in a special day of prayer and penance for the crisis of sexual abuse done by our priests and the negligence of our bishops in dealing with this crisis in our Church. Please see what is being done in your parishes or if possible join our bishop at the Cathedral on September 14th for a noon Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Once again, I remind you to pray daily the Rosary for the intentions of our Holy Father and for the needs of our parish communities. Be men visible in your parish communities, get involved in the various ministries that are being offered and encourage members of your families to be more involved in the Church. May God's Blessings always be upon you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!  
 Father 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 Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK Thomas Del Mastro
- PGK William Moskosky
- Lecturer Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denomme
- Brother John Deary
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother David Legault
- Brother Joseph Farrell
- Lucille Ferrer
- Ellen Ogrodnik
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Wyatt Canfield
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

*“And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful.” – Colossians 3:15*



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Richard Ferri	September 4
Jeffrey La Victoire	September 6
John Murray	September 7
Bernard "Bo" Kenahan	September 10
Joseph Larsh	September 13
George McLaughlin	September 14
John Starziano	September 14
Timothy Maynard	September 17
Harold Trafford, Jr.	September 22
Hugh Fitzpatrick, Jr.	September 25



**Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 K of C  
to sponsor Youth Soccer Challenge Competition  
Saturday, September 15, 2018 @ 8:30AM  
Fish Hill Soccer Complex**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge sponsored by the Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 of Coventry. The local competition will be held at the Fish Hill Soccer Complex on Sunday, September 15, 2018 starting at 8:30 AM.

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C headquarters in New Haven, CT, based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 9 to 14-years-old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age and gender divisions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Neil Fidler at 401-632-7922 or email [Narragansett55@gmail.com](mailto:Narragansett55@gmail.com).




**COMEDY FUNDRAISER**  
Featuring New England's Best Comedians  
to benefit  
**COVENTRY COMEDY KNIGHTS**

Friday, September 7, 2018  
Saints John and Paul Parish Center  
341 South Main Street | Coventry, RI 02816

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Doors open at 7:00pm | Show starts at 8:00pm

**BYOS - BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS**  
**BEER, WINE, AND SODA/WATER AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**  
**RAFFLES, 50/50 DRAWING**  
**18+ PLUS SHOW - PG RATING**

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Tickets \$20.00 \*includes all fees

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[funny4funds.com/events](http://funny4funds.com/events)  
For more information, please contact  
John Pizzo: 401-623-1793

**STATEMENTS ON SEXUAL ABUSE SCANDAL**

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson:  
<http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/communications/supreme-knight-letter-to-chaplains.pdf>

The Holy Father Pope Francis:  
<https://edition.cnn.com/2018/08/20/europe/pope-francis-abuse-full-letter/index.html>

Diocese of Providence:  
<http://thercatholic.com/stories/statement-of-the-diocese-of-providence-regarding-recent-news-reports-about-the-sexual-abuse-of-10058>

*"I will say of Yahweh, "My refuge, my fortress, my God in whom I trust." – Psalms 91:2*

**DUTIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**WARDEN**



The warden is the “watchdog” for council property and degree paraphernalia, except the property of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder. He is also responsible for setting up the council chambers for meetings and ceremonial work. During ceremonial exemplifications, he will appoint and supervise guards.

**Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent**

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 Brother 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.

*“As long as you live, no one will be able to resist you; I shall be with you as I was with Moses; I shall not fail you or desert you.” - Joshua 1:5*



**“FAITH IN ACTION”**



Knights around the world know that the chance to roll up our sleeves and demonstrate our faith through service is as powerful as it is rewarding. That said, the demands of life today make it difficult to find time to live out the calling of our faith and our desire to serve. Our always-on smartphone means that work follows us home where we also juggle household chores and frenetic kids’ activities. Free time is precious and dedicated to family. The Faith in Action program model recognizes this new reality and invites men to lead their family in faith and service – not leave their family for service.

In the coming 2018-2019 fraternal year, Faith in Action will be the new program model for the Knights of Columbus, replacing Surge...with Service. The new model seeks to balance all of our priorities as an Order — Faith, Family, Community and Life — and offer Knights meaningful opportunities to serve people in need in our parishes and communities. Faith in Action fully integrates Building the Domestic Church programs, limits the number of requirements for Columbian Award, and most importantly, allows councils to concentrate on implementing faith-filled family programs. Our goal? Quality – not quantity.

Make an impact bigger than yourself – and build bonds of friendship and fraternity that last a lifetime. More details to come and how it will pertain to our council.

**SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICES**



The Rhode Island Knights of Columbus State Council will be receiving the Silver Rose from Massachusetts on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Councils have been requested to host Silver Rose Prayer Services at their churches during the month of October. Our Council have arranged services at the following churches:

- SS John and Paul – Wednesday, October 3, 7PM
- St. Vincent de Paul – Thursday, October 25, 7PM
- Our Lady of Good Council – TBD



A Holy Hour for Life will be held at SS Peter and Paul Church in West Warwick on September 13 at 7PM.

*“To be afraid of human beings is a snare, whoever trusts in Yahweh is secure.” - Proverbs 29:25*