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Our Council's Namesake

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/3/2019  
TIME: 7:00PM

### APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 4/8/2019  
TIME: 7:30PM

### APRIL KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/24/2019  
TIME: 6:30PM

### MAY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5/8/2019  
TIME: 7:00PM

### MAY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 5/13/2019  
TIME: 7:30PM

### MAY KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5/29/2019  
TIME: 6:30PM

### KANDI DRIVE

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## Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All I pray you and your families are well.

This month we will be continuing our Lenten journey up to and through Holy Week and then celebrating the Glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday.

All the Churches in our Council have events continuing this month such as Stations of the Cross and other events offered during Holy Week to parishioners. These events help us to keep the spirit of repentance and solidify our belief in the Gospel as we are asked to do on Ash Wednesday.

With regards to our Council, we have been getting new Brothers to join and receive their 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees. We are also getting new Brother Knights through Transfers from other Councils. Our Council will be having other recruitment events in future months. As always if you know of a Catholic gentleman that would be interested with learning more about the Knights of Columbus please let an officer of Our Council know. We are a very active Council and new Brothers will bring new ideas.

Our next business meeting is Monday, April 8, 7:30 pm at Sts. John and Paul Parish Center. Please try to attend so that you can see what is going on in our Council.

Let's continue to offer our sacrifices and prayers this lent for Our Families' physical and Spiritual health, an End to Abortion, Our Church abuse crisis and our Parish priests, Bishops and Pope.

Brothers, Roberta and I would like to wish you and your families a Blessed Easter.

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney please pray for us.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Paul Lemek  
Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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Angel Ferrer, Jr.



## Chaplain's Corner

### My Brother Knights!

We are mid-way through the season of Lent, how are you doing with the Lenten elements of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? Spring is finally in the air, warmer temps are starting to arrive, flowers are blooming, birds are singing and days are light longer all are signs of newness.

As we begin April, Holy Week will soon be upon us, try to put aside some on the busyness of your life to enter into this Holiest of times. Make room in your schedules to be able to attend the services of Holy Thursday, and Good Friday to prepare yourself for the great joy of Easter.

Also, in April we will celebrate Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter. It calls us to appreciate the Divine Mercy which flowed from the pierced heart of Jesus as he hung upon the cross.

My brothers, continue to pray the Rosary daily for the sanctity and dignity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

May you and your families have a Blessed Easter season celebrating the Resurrection of Christ, our Lord.

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 William Moskosky
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer David Legault
- Lecturer Alan Ogrodnik
- Recorder Bill Jakabek
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary
- Brother William Lyons (Deceased)
- Brother Richard Ferri (Deceased)
- Brother Daniel Michalski (Deceased)
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Joseph Farrell
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Richard Lord
- Lucille Ferrer
- Marie Manfredi (Deceased)
- Michael Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Wyatt Canfield
- Michel Brouillard
- Vianna Hurley (Deceased)
- Eric Thatcher
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

*"He has destroyed death for ever. Lord Yahweh has wiped away the tears from every cheek; he has taken his people's shame away everywhere on earth, for Yahweh has spoken." – Isaiah 25:8*



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

E. J. Robinson	April 1
Shawn Corcoran	April 1
Joseph Fleury	April 3
George Paquin	April 11
Stelvio Cordeiro	April 12
Richard Denningham, Jr.	April 14
Robert Martin	April 15
John Pizzo	April 19
Robert Chartier	April 20
Thomas Rossi	April 21
William Jakabek	April 24
Alan Ogrodnik	April 26
Keith Parent	April 26
Rudolph Cirelli	April 28
Peter Turner	April 29
Gerard Heroux	April 30

**SOLID DATES FOR THE KANDI DRIVE**

Brothers, please mark your calendars for our upcoming KANDI Drive as follows:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel – Weekend of May 4-5
- St. Vincent de Paul/Our Lady of Czenstochowa – Weekend of May 18-19
- Saints John and Paul – Weekend of June 22-23

These dates have been approved by the Pastors of our churches. We will need all the help we can get. Sign up sheets for the OLGK Drive will be at the April meeting. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and benefits people with disabilities. Thank you!

**WELCOME ABOARD NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS!**

God has already blessed our council in 2019 as we welcome six new Brother Knights. Please join me in welcoming them:

Matthew McGuire (New Member January 2019)

Robert Brodeur, Jr. (New Member March 2019)

David Thatcher (New Member March 2019)

Tom Gostomski (Reapplication March 2019)

Robert Kenahan (Transfer In March 2019)

Patrick Ryan (Transfer In March 2019)

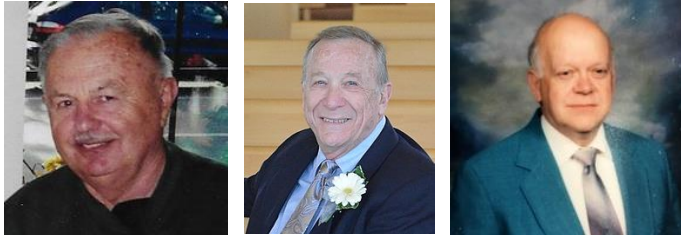
Welcome aboard Brothers! We are happy to have you with our council, and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events! We pray that you will be an active Knight, and we look forward to your input and ideas. God bless you and your families.

Brothers Robert Brodeur, David Thatcher and Tom Gostomski have already accomplished their Formation (Third) Degree by attending recent exemplification ceremonies in the Rhode Island jurisdiction.

We pray that the trend of welcoming new Brother Knights into our council continues as our Membership Committee is in the process of contacting the gentlemen who indicated they were interested in joining our order at our recent membership drive at SS John and Paul. In fact, we already have one candidate who has filled out his Form 100 and is waiting on attending an exemplification ceremony.

*“For the wage paid by sin is death; the gift freely given by God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
— Romans 6:23*



**REQUIESCAT IN PACE BROTHER KNIGHTS**

Our council recently learned that three of our Brother Knights have gone on to their final reward in 2018. Brother Daniel Michalski (1930-2018) on August 13, Brother Richard Ferri (1938-2018) on August 15 and Brother William Lyons (1940-2018) on October 4.

Brother Daniel was a US Army veteran of the Korean War and joined the Knights in 1968. Brother Dick was a Providence College graduate and joined the Knights in 1963. Brother Bill was a US Air Force veteran and joined the Knights in 2004.

Please pray for the repose of these brothers' souls and their families.

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GRANT UNTO  
THEM; LET  
PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON  
THEM.

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**WHO DOES IT? - Brother Knights Skills Listing**

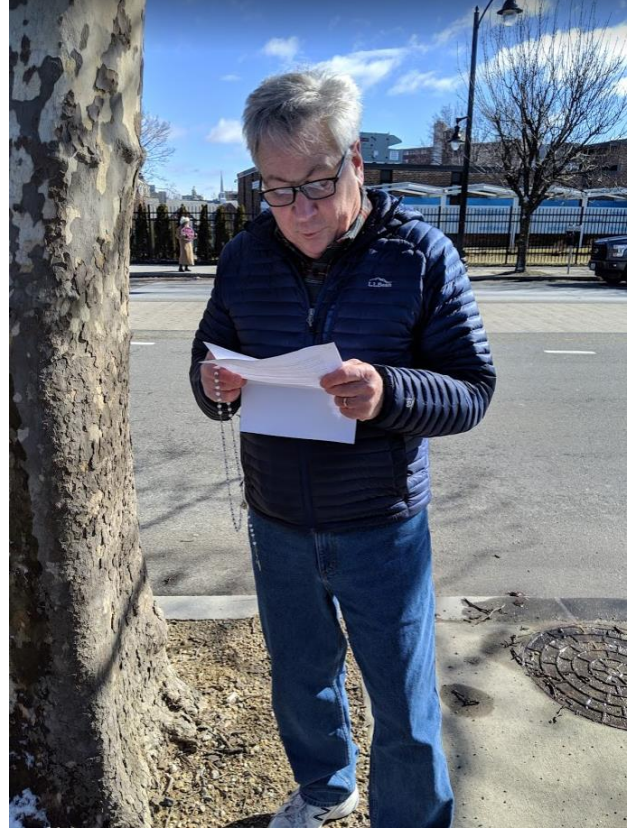
Skill	Brother Knight	Phone	Email/Address
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Certified Tutoring	Edgar Brouillard	401-354-9298	edbrou@gmail.com
Woodworking	David Tremblay	401-580-5784	triumph213@yahoo.com
Auto Repair	John Starziano	401-821-9887	Star Service Center, 53 Arnold Rd., Coventry
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.

*"For God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but so that through him the world might be saved."  
– John 3:17*



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE – Planned Parenthood Protest**  
**March 23, 2019**



**MARCH “KNIGHT OUT” AT GREGG’S RESTAURANT**  
**March 28, 2019**

