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Our Council's Namesake

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **KANDI DRIVE**

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL  
DATE: WEEKEND 5/4-5  
TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

### **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

### **KANDI DRIVE**

PLACE: ST VINCENT DE PAUL/OUR LADY OF  
CZENSTOCHOWA  
DATE: WEEKEND 5/18-19  
TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

### **MAY KNIGHT OUT**

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

### **JUNE OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6/5/2019  
TIME: 7:00PM

### **JUNE COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 6/10/2019  
TIME: 7:30PM



## **Grand Knight's Corner**

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

The month of May is the month that we honor Mary the mother of our Savior Jesus Christ the Word made flesh Who dwelt among us. When we say our Rosaries, let us ask Mary to intercede for all life within the womb of mothers that are anticipating an abortion and for an end to the culture of death. Let's also ask our Mother Mary to intercede in prayer for our families, friends and all our parish priests and bishops.

There are Holy Hours every month at different local parishes. If you can attend these Holy Hours you will be able to say the rosary with other brothers and sisters for an end to abortion and violence all over this world.

With regards to our Council, our Faith in Action group of directors will be meeting to set up an agenda for the following new Columbian year. Please take the opportunity to help with some of these events for Life, Faith, Family and Community. Try to attend our business meetings to find out what is happening in our Council and how you can be of help.

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, May 13, 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.

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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Stephen Del Deo

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**Grand Knight**

Paul Lemek

**Financial Secretary**

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**Deputy Grand Knight**

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**Chancellor**

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**Recorder**

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**Treasurer**

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**Advocate**

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**Outside Guard**

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**Lecturer**

Alan Ogrodnik

**One Year Trustee**

Earl Mahar

**Two Year Trustee**

John Pizzo

**Three Year Trustee**

Frank Laiter III



## Chaplain's Corner

### My Brother Knights!

The month of May is also referred to as the Month of Mary filled with crowning of the Blessed Lady and rosary and benedictions. As we begin to see the beautiful effects of spring, flowers and leaves on the trees and buds blooming, we give witness to the beauty of God's creation.

Still in the Easter season we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Jesus Christ. The many scripture stories remind us of the first days of the beginning of our Church and the witnessing of those first disciples and the struggles and persecutions they endured for the sake of Christ. In our world today our Church is still suffering in giving witness to the Risen Christ. As we await the outpouring of the Spirit once again in the celebration of the great feast of Pentecost may our minds and hearts be open to receive that Gifts from God our Father and Christ his Son.

Pray the rosary daily, seeking the guidance of our Blessed Lady and through our prayer may she instill in many a desire to serve the Lord in a vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

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 Matt Parent
- Brother Joseph Farrell
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Richard Lord
- Brother Tony Favata
- Lucille Ferrer
- Michael Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Wyatt Canfield
- Michel Brouillard
- Vianna Hurley (Deceased)
- Eric Thatcher
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope." – Romans 15:13*



## THE SILENT DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY ON ABORTION

By Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

What if I told you there's an issue that unites a clear majority of Americans? What if I told you that at least 60 percent of Independents, Republicans, and Democrats agree on that issue? And what if I told you that the Democratic candidates for president are on the wrong side of that issue? That they're out of step with the party – and the country – they want to lead?

That's exactly the case with abortion.

With just nine months to go before the Iowa caucuses, Democratic hopefuls seem to be competing to embrace the most extreme position on abortion even though it alienates an overwhelming majority of Americans on both sides of the aisle. It is important to understand just how far Democratic candidates have strayed from public opinion – even among their own constituents.

After New York expanded access to late-term abortion even up to the moment of birth earlier this year, the Marist Poll – one of the country's most respected surveys – found a broad consensus among the American people.

By about three-to-one, Americans oppose abortion after 20 weeks – or don't want it at all. This includes about eight in 10 Republicans and independents and nearly six in 10 Democrats.

This survey also found that 80 percent of Americans support limiting abortion to at most the first three months of a pregnancy. This included nearly two-thirds of those identifying as pro-choice and a similar number of Democrats (64 percent). The poll was commissioned by the Knights of Columbus.

Few issues command such massive majorities. The revulsion these proposals caused was bipartisan. But, while the polling showed that most Americans strongly opposed policies like those in New York and Virginia, Democratic presidential candidates appear to be doubling down on abortion.

It wasn't always like this. The Democratic Party used to have pro-life candidates at every level. Even party leaders once spoke out against abortion often and forcefully:

- Ted Kennedy once wrote that “abortion on demand is not in accordance with the value which our civilization places on human life.”
- In 1972 George McGovern worked the Democratic National Convention to stop a pro-abortion plank from being included in the party's platform.
- In 1976, Sargent Shriver campaigned in the Iowa Caucuses on a pro-life platform, and Jimmy Carter won there, in part, because voters believed he too was pro-life.
- And in 1981, Senator Joe Biden voted for the Hatch Amendment to overturn Roe v. Wade and allow States to again restrict abortion.

These examples prove an important point. Abortion should never have become a partisan issue. It would cease to be partisan if Democratic candidates who are pro-life, or at least support substantial abortion restrictions, stepped forward.

Given what the polling has revealed about attitudes toward abortion among Democrats, it seems obvious that a strong majority of Democrats, including Catholics and working-class voters, would have good reason to prefer a candidate who supports substantial restrictions on abortion.

It would be better for America – and for the unborn – if Democratic candidates listened to the electorate again. The majority of Democrats deserve representation and not exclusion of their point of view within their own party. But that will never happen until the voters demand it.

The more than seven in 10 Americans – and six in 10 Democrats – who oppose late-term abortions should refuse to support any candidate who holds extreme abortion views. They need to speak out at town halls, at county dinners and anywhere else the candidates go.

It's time to say that abortion isn't a matter of party politics – it's a matter of national consensus. The American people agree: Abortion should be a post-partisan issue. Only Democrats can make it one.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| John Izzo         | May 1  |
| Matthew McGuire   | May 3  |
| James Hall        | May 6  |
| Walter McLaughlin | May 7  |
| Charles Tamuleviz | May 14 |
| Michael Kiley     | May 15 |
| Edgar Brouillard  | May 19 |
| John Ball         | May 23 |
| Matthew Parent    | May 23 |
| Nicholas Parent   | May 23 |
| Stephen Del Deo   | May 24 |
| Tom Imondi        | May 26 |

**WELCOME ABOARD NEW BROTHER KNIGHT!**

Please welcome Brother Pierre Desrosiers who has already accomplished this Formation (Third) Degree by attending recent exemplifications at Delaney/St. Teresa Council in Pawtucket. Brother Pierre is a communicant of SS John and Paul and was recruited during our latest membership drive there. Welcome Brother Pierre!

**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 St. Vincent de Paul/Our Lady of Czenstochowa Drive will be at the May meeting. I especially would like to invite our newest Brother Knights to sign up for this effort. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and benefits people with disabilities. Thank you!

Neil Fidler, KANDI Drive Chairman

**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.

*“However great the anxiety of my heart, your consolations soothe me.” – Psalms 94:19*



## APRIL "KNIGHT OUT" AT WESTCOTT HOUSE

April 24, 2019



*"No one lights a lamp to cover it with a bowl or to put it under a bed. No, it is put on a lamp-stand so that people may see the light when they come in." – Luke 8:16*