



# THE BLESSING WORD

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Our Council's Namesake

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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

### **KANDI DRIVE**

PLACE: SS JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH  
DATE: WEEKEND 6/22-23  
TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

### **JUNE KNIGHT OUT**

PLACE: OLDE THEATRE DINER  
DATE: TUESDAY, 6/25/2019  
TIME: 6:30PM  
RSVP [NARRAGANSETT55@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NARRAGANSETT55@GMAIL.COM) BY  
SUNDAY 6/23/2019

### **JULY OFFICERS MEETING**

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

### **JULY COUNCIL MEETING**

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



## **Grand Knight's Corner**

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

As Knights of Columbus we must stand together in proclaiming the truth. Herod said to Jesus "Truth, what is Truth?". Jesus said, "I am The Way, the Truth and The Life". Some members of our society are trying make us believe that the truth is whatever we want it to be. We as Catholic men of the Knights of Columbus have a foundation of truth in Jesus Christ. We believe that Marriage is between one man and one woman, that a person is born with his or her sexual identity and that all human life is sacred from birth until natural death. Brothers, with compassion for all people, let us stand together with our Priests, Bishops and Pope when they proclaim the Truths of our Catholic faith.

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, June 10, 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

**Supreme Knight**

Carl A. Anderson

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Michael Dziok

**District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)**

Michael Colvin

**Insurance Agent**

Stephen Del Deo

**Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Officers:****Chaplain**

Rev. Paul Lemoi

**Grand Knight**

Paul Lemek

**Financial Secretary**

Neil Fidler

**Deputy Grand Knight**

Brian Mattias

**Chancellor**

Anthony Machado

**Recorder**

William Jakabek

**Treasurer**

David Legault

**Warden**

Frank Laiter, Jr.

**Advocate**

Patrick Hurley

**Inside Guard**

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

**My Brother Knights!**

## Chaplain's Corner

With June comes the beginning of summer, but also this year comes the ending of the great Easter Season on June 9th with the celebration of the great Feast of Pentecost, the outpouring of God's gift of the Spirit promised by Christ to his disciples. There also follows two other Feasts at the beginning of June. On June 16th we will celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, calling our attention to our Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Our Father as Creator, the Son as our Savior and the Holy Ghost as our Advocate. Finally, on June 23rd, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, (Corpus Christi). On this special day Our Lady of Czenstochowa will be holding a solemn procession of the Most Holy Eucharist following their 11:00 AM Mass around 12 noon processing to St. Vincent de Paul Church. This is a great time for our Knights of Columbus to join in this procession encouraging family members to join them.

From Easter until June 23rd, we have had many great Feasts. On June 24th we will be entering into what is known as Ordinary Time liturgically and also beginning our summer season. Summer is a time to rest a little but not a time to forget about God and our responsibility to the Church. God does not take any time away from us so please continue to pray the Rosary and strive to attend daily Mass when possible.

Remember, summer is also a time to be more aware of the young ones out of school who may be playing in or around our streets please drive carefully, no texting or talking on the phone while driving always be alert. May God bless you and your families with a restful, refreshing, relaxing and safe summer.

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

*"But our homeland is in heaven and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." –  
Philippians 3:20*



**FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY**

Cleanup and maintenance continue at the Veterans Memorial Park. New US, Rhode Island and POW/MIA flags were put up in preparation for Memorial Day. We are waiting on a new Coventry Town Flag from the Town. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to help with maintenance of the park, please contact John Pizzo at 401-623-1793 or email at [columbusknight1@gmail.com](mailto:columbusknight1@gmail.com).

The Fundraiser Committee has printed up raffle tickets to win a 50-inch Ultra Hi-Def Samsung Smart TV valued at \$500. The drawing will be held on Sunday, July 21, 2019 after the 11:30AM Mass at SS John and Paul. Tickets are \$3 each and 5 for \$10. Tickets will be given to Brother Knights to sell at the June meeting. If anyone can assist with selling tickets after Masses at the various churches, contact John Pizzo at 401-623-1793 or email at [columbusknight1@gmail.com](mailto:columbusknight1@gmail.com).

Planning has begun for our second annual Funny4Funds event in September. Last year's event was our biggest fundraiser of the year bringing in \$3,000. Stay tuned for more details.

John Pizzo, Community Activities Director

**FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS**

FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE

As many of you know, the Supreme Council instituted the Faith in Action Program last year. This replaces the Surge with Service Program and combines all activities into four activities categories: Faith, Community, Family and Life. PGK/FN Frank Laiter III is our Program Director who supervises the four program directors. Currently, we have four program directors as follows:

Faith – Edgar Brouillard  
 Community – John Pizzo  
 Family – Anthony Machado  
 Life – John Murray

The council is currently looking for two Brother Knights to assume the duties of Faith and Family Director. If you are interested in either position, please contact Brother Frank Laiter III at 401-451-0689 or email at [fldlatier3@gmail.com](mailto:fldlatier3@gmail.com).

Also, if you are interested in one or more of the four categories, and would like to volunteer to help out, please contact the activities director or Brother Frank Laiter III at 401-451-0689 or email at [fldlatier3@gmail.com](mailto:fldlatier3@gmail.com).

**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	<a href="mailto:edbrou@gmail.com">edbrou@gmail.com</a>
Woodworking	David Tremblay	401-580-5784	<a href="mailto:triumph213@yahoo.com">triumph213@yahoo.com</a>
Auto Repair	John Starziano	401-821-9887	Star Service Center, 53 Arnold Rd., Coventry
Plumbing/Electrical/Applicances	Tom Rossi	401-243-3767	<a href="mailto:tomr421@cox.net">tomr421@cox.net</a>
Computer Repair	Mike Colvin	401-641-6881	<a href="mailto:mikegcolvin@gmail.com">mikegcolvin@gmail.com</a>

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

*“Trust wholeheartedly in Yahweh, put no faith in your own perception; acknowledge him in every course you take, and he will see that your paths are smooth.” - Proverbs 3:5-6*

**FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY**

So far this year, we have had a “Knight Out” at the Dragon Palace in January, the Cowesett Inn in February (celebrating Our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Paul’s 70<sup>th</sup> birthday), Gregg’s in March, the Westcott Inn in April and the Morse Tavern in May. Each one of these events has been well attended, and a lot of fun is had by all. Our June “Knight Out” is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, starting at 6:30PM at the Olde Theatre Diner on Sandy Bottom Road in Coventry. Brother Matt Piatek has arranged with the owner to have dinner in the special glass room there. We will eat off the menu and separate checks will be allowed. If you haven’t been to a Knight Out this year or at all, please consider attending this one. We’d love to have you and your family join us for this very special event.

Plans are in the making for a Family Picnic utilizing the grounds behind Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church sometime in August. Stay tuned for more details.

Our council is looking for a new Family Activities Director. The Family Activities Director will be working closely with the Program Director and Grand Knight to achieve the required activities so that the council can achieve its Columbian Award for the year which is one important component of Star Council. If you’re interested in this important council position, please contact the Program Director, PGK/FN Frank Laiter III for more details.

**2019-20 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee will be recommending the following slate of officers for the 2019-20 Columbian Year:

Grand Knight – Paul Lemek  
 Deputy Grand Knight – Brian Mattias  
 Chancellor – Anthony Machado  
 Warden – Frank Laiter, Jr.  
 Recorder – William Jakabek  
 Treasurer – David Legault  
 Advocate – Patrick Hurley  
 Inside Guard – James Hall  
 Outside Guard – Stephen Kukulka  
 One Year Trustee – Earl Mahar  
 Two Year Trustee – John Pizzo  
 Three Year Trustee – Frank Laiter III

If any Brother Knight wishes to run for office, he may do so, and we will have an election for that office. If there are no counter nominations, then the entire slate will be elected at the June meeting.

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*“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your generous spirit lead me on even ground.”  
 Psalms 143:10*



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Fr. Christopher Mahar	June 2
Roderick Fraser	June 3
Michael Emmett	June 6
David Manfredi	June 8
Ryan Switzer	June 8
Roger Cyr	June 13
James Kiley, Jr.	June 13
Peter Blais	June 15
Stanley Jendzejec	June 16
Edward Rice III	June 17
Scott Cummiskey	June 23
Cornelius Fitton, Jr.	June 24
Vincent Rinaldi	June 28
Matthew Piatek III	June 29

**FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE**

Please consider attending the Deanery's Holy Hour for Life at SS. John & Paul Church on Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 PM. The Knights were well represented at last month's Holy Hour at Sacred Heart where Father Bucci gave a very passionate defense of life and our Church's teachings. Mark your calendar and let's get a great turnout!

And we must remember that Pro-Choice (Pro-Abortion) advocates are relentless in their pressure on our legislators to "codify" (extend) abortion rights, Hillary Clinton being the latest example with her recent tweet to Rhode Islanders supporting NY-style Abortion. Both Pro-Life and Pro-Choice groups cite polls in support of their positions. I expect our representatives may have difficulty discerning the truth behind these polls. One thing you can do is let your voice be heard. The link gives you an easy form to contact your Senator. Personally, I didn't use the boilerplate – but thanked my Senator, Leonidas P. Raptakis, for his position on the bill (preventing it from getting out of committee) and his public comments – and encouraging him to maintain his courageous stance. You don't have to go that far – even the canned message gives visibility to the Pro-Life position.

John Murray, Life Activities Director

**KANDI DRIVE 2019**

Brothers, our 2019 drive started off with a bang at Our Lady of Good Counsel on the weekend of May 4/5 – thanks to our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Paul Lemoi, for granting us his permission to hold it there. Over just two masses, the generous parishioners of OLCG contributed \$338.

Then we were at St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady of Czenstochowa on the weekend of May 18/19 – thanks to our past Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Jacek Ploch, for granting us his permission. Over a total of five masses at those two churches, their generous parishioners contributed a total of \$570 making it a grand total of \$908 collected for 2019 so far. A big THANK YOU to all Brother Knights who have participated so far!

Our next and last drive will take place at Saints John and Paul on the weekend of June 22/23. Thanks to Father Woolley for granting us permission to hold our drive there. If you have participated in our KANDI Drive yet, this is your opportunity to do so. All it requires is you give about 15-20 minutes of your time after the Mass to collect donations and give out Tootsie Rolls. It is a great opportunity for our council to be seen doing charity work for a great cause. For our new Brother Knights, this counts as one of the requirements for the Shining Armor Award! Sign-up sheets will be available at the June meeting.

Neil Fidler, KANDI Drive Chairman

*"There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven"*  
– Ecclesiastes 3:1



## MAY "KNIGHT OUT" AT MORSE TAVERN May 29, 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*