



# THE BLESSING WORD

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MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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**RI State Chaplain 1913-1957**  
Our Council's Namesake

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **JULY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

### **FAITH IN ACTION MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM  
DATE: THURSDAY, 7/25/2019  
TIME: 7:00PM

### **KNIGHT OUT**

PLACE: CLAM CAKES AND CHOWDER AT OLGC  
DATE: FRIDAY, 7/26/2019  
TIME: 5:00-7:00PM

### **LUNCH WITH ALAN OGRODNIK**

PLACE: PANERA BREAD  
DATE: SUNDAY, 7/28/2019  
TIME: NOON

### **AUGUST OFFICERS MEETING**

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

### **AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 8/12/2019  
TIME: 7:30PM



## **Grand Knight's Corner**

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

As we begin a new Fraternal Year, I would like to thank all Brother Knights who helped organize events and those Brothers that attended in support.

We had events that supported our Community. One such event was our "Funny for Funds" comedy night where the proceeds helped purchase coats that were donated to all children of needy families in our Council parishes. We also had our annual Soccer and Free Through events which are free to any child in our Community.

Our council had events in support of Life. We prayed decades of the Rosary at Planned parenthood to end the killing of babies. There were also 4 Silver Rose prayer services at each of our Council's parishes.

At our Council's Award and Donation night we gave monetary donations in support of Seminarians (Faith) and other worthy causes such as the Mother of Life Center (Life), the Meeting Street school (Life) and Food for Families (Family) to name a few.

Our Council also gave \$1,000 to each of our Council's parishes.

Our Brother Knights attended one or more of the many Holy Hours throughout our area churches (Faith and Life).

So THANK YOU to all Brother Knights for putting our Faith in Action. That is what the Knights of Columbus are about.

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, July 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.

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

**RI State Deputy**

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

As we begin the month of July, we celebrate our nation's independence. We have many freedoms as a people of this nation, and one of the most important is the freedom to practice our religion. Religious freedom is a precious gift which we should not take for granted but must embrace and celebrate.

Remember the summer months are not a time to take a vacation from God or our daily prayer life. Strive to attend daily Mass when possible, times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Rosary daily. Pray for our Diocese, its Bishops, Priests and Religious and pray for the dignity of all human life from natural conception to natural death.

Be safe in all that you do with your family and friends in these summer months. May God bless your summer as a time of relaxation and joy.

**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
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Richard Lord (Deceased)
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Lucille Ferrer
- Michael Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Wyatt Canfield
- Michel Brouillard
- Eric Thatcher
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

*"Blessed is the nation whose GOD is the LORD." – Psalms 33:12*



**FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY**

Cleanup and maintenance continue at the Veterans Memorial Park. 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.

Raffle tickets are still available 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. Brother Knights who were given tickets to see at the June meeting are asked to bring the money to the July meeting on Monday, 7/8. Thanks to all Brother Knights who sold tickets at Our Lady of Czenstochowa's Polish Festival on the weekend of 6/29-30. You did an outstanding job!

We had a "Pep Rally" from Ace of Funny4Funds at the end of June to help us raise money for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Funny4Funds Comedy Knight. Last year's event was our biggest fundraiser of the year bringing in \$3,000. This year's event will take place on Friday, September 6, starting at 7PM.

I have been contacted by the Father John V. Doyle School who are looking for assistance with this year's car show. There is a meeting on July 29th where I will receive more information

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 – Open  
Community – John Pizzo  
Family – Open  
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 fdlaiter3@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 fdlaiter3@gmail.com.

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

Skill	Brother Knight	Phone	Email/Address
Certified Tutoring	Edgar Brouillard	401-354-9298	edbrou@gmail.com
Woodworking	David Tremblay	401-580-5784	triumph213@yahoo.com
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.

*"I am quite confident that the One who began a good work in you will go on completing it until the Day of Jesus Christ comes." - Philippians 1:6*

**FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY**

Our June “Knight Out” was held on Tuesday, June 25, at the Olde Theatre Diner on Sandy Bottom Road in Coventry. Brother Matt Piatek arranged with the owner to have our dinner in the special glass room there. A great time was had by all. We’ll give the “Knight Out” a break until September due to summer vacations and events that are coming up.

One such event is the Family Picnic. Plans are in the making for 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 following slate of officers were nominated and voted for by the council membership 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

Please keep our council officers in your prayers as they guide the council through another Columbian year. Thank you.

**FAITH IN ACTION – FAITH**

Our council is looking for a new Faith Activities Director. The Faith 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.

*“Now this Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”  
 2 Corinthians 3:17*



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Cyril Dubrachek	July 1
Paul Lemek	July 6
Lee Rossetti	July 14
John Ludka	July 15
Rev. Stephen Dandeneau	July 17
Thomas Carroccia	July 23
Valentino Longo-Simone	July 25
Alexander Cote	July 28
Michael Laiter	July 30

**FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE**

The Life Activities Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help with our Council Life Activities. All Brother Knights interested in supporting our Culture of Life, especially given the current anti-Life atmosphere in our state, please contact John Murray at 401-447-9581 or email at [jmurray3477@gmail.com](mailto:jmurray3477@gmail.com).

John Murray, Life Activities Director

**REMEMBERING RICHARD J. LORD (1952-2019)**

Our Brother Knight, Richard Lord, went on to his final reward on Saturday, June 1, after a bout with cancer. Brother Richard joined Our Order and Council in December 2015 and attained his Knighthood (Third) Degree. We presented his wife Lillian a Family Bible and a Mass card with a Mass said for Brother Richard at SSJP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Richard, and also for Brother Richard's entire family in their time of grief.

**KANDI DRIVE 2019**

Brothers, we wrapped up our 2019 KANDI Drive at Saints John and Paul on the weekend of June 22/23 where we collected \$862. Combined with the drives at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul, we collected a grand total of \$1,770 for people with disabilities.

Many thanks to Fr. Woolley of SS John and Paul, Our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Lemoi of Our Lady of Good Counsel and Fr. Jacek Ploch of Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul for granting us permission to conduct our drive at their respective churches. Many thanks to the generous parishioners of all four parishes. Last, but certainly not least, many thanks to every Brother Knight who participated in the KANDI Drive collecting money, whether you did only one Mass or multiple Masses, please know that your help in collecting donations is most deeply appreciated not only by me, but by the worthy recipients of this drive.

Neil Fidler, KANDI Drive Chairman



*"After all, brothers, you were called to be free; do not use your freedom as an opening for self-indulgence, but be servants to one another in love." – Galatians 5:13*



**JUNE "KNIGHT OUT" AT OLDE THEATER DINER**  
**June 25, 2019**



*"Every word of God is unalloyed, a shield to those who take refuge in him." – Proverbs 30:5*