



# THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Our Council's Namesake

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **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

### **SEPTEMBER OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9/4/2019  
TIME: 7:00PM

### **FUNNY 4 FUNDS COMEDY SHOW**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: FRIDAY, 9/6/2019  
TIME: 7:00PM

### **SOCCER KICK CHALLENGE**

PLACE: FISH HILL SOCCER FIELD  
DATE: SATURDAY, 9/7/2019  
TIME: 9AM-2PM

### **SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 9/9/2019  
TIME: 7:30PM

### **FJVD CAR SHOW**

PLACE: FR. JOHN V. DOYLE SCHOOL  
DATE: SATURDAY, 9/14/2019  
TIME: 9:00AM – 2:00PM



## **Grand Knight's Corner**

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

A while ago I was asked "what is the difference between the Knights of Columbus and other organizations or clubs?"

By Googling some of the popular groups, I will briefly try to explain some differences that I found. If you want to find more information, just Google the organizations name.

The Masons are non-Christian. In France, in 1877, the "Grand Orient" Lodge eliminated the need to believe in God or the immortality of the soul, thereby admitting atheists into their fold. The group, however, does good things for their Communities as we know.

The Lions Club is a service organization. All funds raised from the general public are used for charitable purposes. Some of the money raised goes toward projects that benefit the local community of an individual club. The lions are not allowed to discuss or debate politics and/or religion by their club members.

In 1979 qualifications for being a member of the Elks Club included being male, at least 21 years old, of sound mind and body, a citizen of the United States. Belief in a Supreme Being has been a prerequisite for membership since 1892. The word "God" was substituted for Supreme Being in 1946.

The mission of the Knights of Columbus states that it is a Catholic Fraternal Organization dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works, rendering mutual aid and assistance to sick and needy members and their families, and providing insurance products and annuities to benefit members, wives and children. The Knights also support the Catholic Church's positions on public policy issues, including various political causes, and are participants in the new evangelization.

Though many of the organizations' produce charitable works, the Knights of Columbus are the only Catholic organization that also supports our Pope, Bishops and Priests and the beliefs of the Catholic Church.

This is my brief attempt to show some differences between the Knights of Columbus and other charitable organization.

Please read the upcoming events for our Council and try to take part in one or a few if possible. Your participation is much appreciative.

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.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!  
Paul Lemek  
Grand Knight

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**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



No column this month.

## Chaplain's Corner

### K OF C GIVE OVER \$185 MILLION TO CHARITY IN 2018



From the Catholic News Service (CNS) - In 2018, the Knights of Columbus gave \$185.7 million to charity and donated 76.7 million hours of hands-on service. The K of C announced its charitable activity over the last year in a July 31 news release, issued ahead of its annual Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, August 6-8. The Knights of Columbus, which has a membership of approximately 1.9 million, said its charitable activity is threefold: fundraising by the national organization and local Knights councils; community service; and revenues from its insurance and annuities portfolio. Using Independent Sector's valuation of a volunteer hour for 2018 - \$25.43 - the Knights' service hours came to \$1.9 billion, the release said. The value of this work combined with the year's monetary donations brings the total value of the Knights' charity to nearly \$2.1 billion. "Regardless of how or who the Knights serve, it's the chance to help those who are unable to help themselves and to be of assistance to the sick or disabled that is at the heart of what being a Knight is all about," Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said in a statement.

### 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

*"But it is as scripture says: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard, what the mind of man cannot visualize; all that God has prepared for those who love him" – 1 Corinthians 9*



**FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY**

Community events upcoming are the Funny4Funds Comedy Night at 7PM on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Brothers, please accept my challenge: Obtain one sponsorship and sell just five tickets).

The Soccer Challenge will be held at Fish Hill Soccer Fields on Saturday, September 7 from 9AM to 2PM. We will need at least six Brother Knights to assist.

Also, the Fr John V Doyle School Car Show on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 2PM. I will be setting up at 7:30AM and will need volunteers to assist.

The winner of the 55-inch Ultra Hi-Def TV was Evelyn Callghe who purchased the winning ticket at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Congratulations to Evelyn, who was most appreciative. Pictures below of Seminarian and Brother Knight Patrick Ryan drawing the winning ticket and Evelyn receiving her new TV.

The maintenance of the Veterans park at the corner of Arnold Rd. and Tiogue Ave. continues. If any Brother Knight wishes to assist, I am there most Saturdays by 9 am.

John Pizzo. Community Activities Director




## COMEDY FUNDRAISER

Featuring Top Local Comedians  
to benefit

### BLESSING COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Friday, September 6, 2019

Saints John and Paul Parish Center  
341 South Main St. | Coventry, RI 02816

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

**BYOS - BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS**  
**CASH BAR (BEER & WINE)**  
**RAFFLES, 50/50 DRAWING, PG SHOW**

Tickets \$20.00

For tickets, to donate, or sponsor, please visit  
[funny4funds.com/events](http://funny4funds.com/events)

For more information, please contact  
John Pizzo: (401) 623-1793



*"Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." – John 14:27*



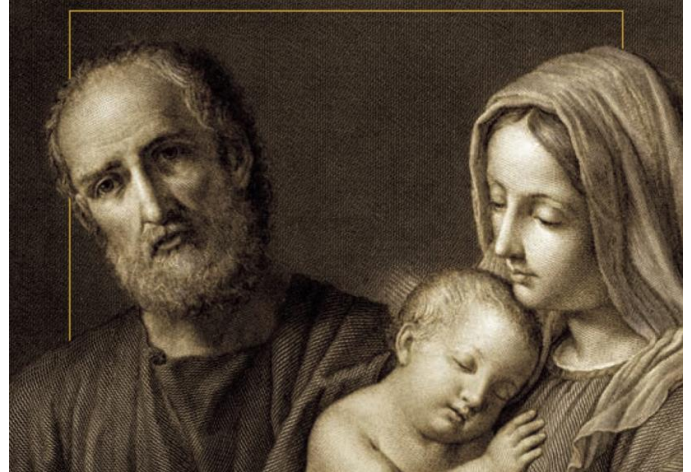
**FAITH IN ACTION – FAITH**

Our Worthy Grand Knight Paul Lemek has agreed to assume the duties as Faith Director. He will have the assistance of our Round Table Chairmen for conducting Faith-based activities. Please consider helping the Worthy Grand Knight with this category.

As Faith Director, the Worthy Grand Knight is planning the required activity for the Faith Category which is Spiritual Reflection. According to the Faith in Action handbook, under the guidance of their chaplain, Knights of Columbus councils can attend a retreat or day of reflection together or perhaps organize their own event for men of their parish. Council participation in Spiritual Reflection is required to qualify for Columbian Award. More details to come!

**FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY**

Our Worthy Treasurer David Legault has agreed to assume the duties as Family Director. Our Worthy Chancellor Tony Machado will assist him as they work on planning Family-related activities during this Columbian Year to fulfill the qualifications for the Faith in Action Program, Columbian Award and Star Council. The primary and required activity for the Family category that they are looking to conduct is the Consecration to the Holy Family which will hopefully happen in December. Please stay tuned for further details!

**CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY****WELCOME BROTHER RON DE LALLA**

Welcome aboard to our newest Brother Knight, Ron De Lalla, who obtained his Admission (First) Degree on Monday, July 15, at East Providence Council. Well done, Brother Ron, and we look forward to helping you obtain full Knighthood!

*“Be consecrated to me, for I, Yahweh, am holy, and I shall set you apart from all these peoples, for you to be mine.”  
Leviticus 20:26*



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Frank Laiter III	August 1
William Moskosky, Jr.	August 8
Stephen Smith	August 9
Bernard Bernatonis	August 10
Raymond Byrnes	August 10
Leodore Charpentier, Jr.	August 14
James Sartell	August 18
Joseph Lavoie	August 20
James O'Connor, Jr.	August 22
Mark Giolitti	August 23
Steven Bailey	August 24
Angel Ferrer, Jr.	August 25
John Mulholland	August 30

**FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE**

The Life Activities Committee note the following upcoming activities:

- Holy Hour for Life **Monday, August 19** @ 7:00 PM at OLCG
- Mike DeAngelis – Faith Director for the state council – is coordinating the Silver Rose; he's waiting on a schedule from Supreme
- Contacted SPRED coordinators about hosting a mass for people with special needs
- Day of Remembrance **Saturday, September 14**, 10 AM at the Gate of Heaven Baby Land – 1-hour prayer vigil (East Providence)
- 40 Days for Life **September 25 – November 3**
  - Sign up at Diocese of Providence web site to pray at Planned Parenthood
  - **Wednesday, September 25** 12:00 mass at Cathedral followed by a procession to Planned Parenthood
- Human Life Guild Day – **Saturday, October 5**, from 9AM to 1:30 PM at the Cathedral and Cathedral Hall.
- Life Chain **Sunday, October 6**, at various locations throughout the Diocese of Providence

John Murray, Life Activities Director



**Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 K of C  
to sponsor Youth Soccer Challenge  
Competition  
Saturday, September 7, 2019 @ 9:00AM  
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 Saturday, September 7, 2019 starting at 9:00 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.

*"If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow completely into Christ, who is the head" – Ephesians 4:15*



**JULY "KNIGHT OUT LITE" AT OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**  
**Friday, July 26, 2019**



**PANERA BREAD LUNCH WITH ALAN OGRODNIK**  
**Sunday, July 28, 2019**



*"From then onwards Jesus began his proclamation with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'" – Matthew 4:17*