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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER

DATE: MONDAY, 9/9/2019

TIME: 7:30PM

SOCCER KICK CHALLENGE

PLACE: FISH HILL SOCCER FIELD

DATE: SATURDAY, 9/7/2019

TIME: 9AM-2PM

FJVD CAR SHOW

PLACE: FR. JOHN V. DOYLE SCHOOL

DATE: SATURDAY, 9/14/2019

TIME: 9:00AM – 2:00PM

OCTOBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 10/9/2019

TIME: 7:00PM

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER

DATE: MONDAY, 10/14/2019

TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well.

This month we have many events that are being held that pertain to our Faith in Action mission under the categories of Faith, Family, Life and Community.

Our Council is an active Council but because we have over 100 Brother Knights. I feel that many more could benefit if they would take part in helping and/or attending these activities. We all joined the Knights of Columbus for a reason which I believe was more than just attending a Business meeting. However, one way to find out what is going on and how you can help or offer some new ideas is to attend the monthly business meeting. To those Brothers that are always there to support our Council's events: Thank You!

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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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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Chaplain

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Paul Lemek

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James Hall

Outside Guard

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Edgar Brouillard

One Year Trustee

Earl Mahar

Two Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Three Year Trustee

Frank Laiter III



Chaplain's Corner

Brother Knights,

As we begin this September month I would like to remind you that it is a month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. On September 8th we remember the Birth of our Blessed Lady and on September the 14th we will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the commemoration of a unique event: the miraculous finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine. So this month remember the Mother of Christ as she stood at the foot of the Cross bearing the sorrows of the passion of her Son deep within her heart.

A new school year has begun which means that we are to be alert when driving and to be watchful of children waiting for their bus or walking to their schools. It may mean trying to set a little more time when leaving to go to work in the mornings.

Please remember to say the Rosary daily and try to attend daily Mass when possible. Also try to attend the monthly Holy Hour for Life in our Deanery area. We not only pray for the end to abortion but for the dignity of all life. Make some time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, opening up your mind and heart to God's graces and His blessings. Try staying a little longer at the end of Mass instead of rushing out of Church on weekend masses.

May God bless you and your family as we enter into a fall season.

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
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

"And the peace of God which is beyond our understanding will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:7

FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY



The Funny4Funds Comedy Knight was very successful as we collected \$2,700 for Coats for Kids and other charities. We will be meeting soon to purchase the coats.

The Soccer Challenge will be held at Fish Hill Soccer Fields on Saturday, September 14 from 9AM to 2PM. Thanks to the Brother Knights who have volunteered to help.

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

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.

The Christmas Party will be held at the Cranston Country Club on Sunday, December 8, starting at 5PM. More details to come.

John Pizzo, Community Activities Director



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. Here is his input for the newsletter:

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. I will be either coordinating a retreat with Saints John and James Council or, if that is not possible, I would like to invite our Council Brother Knights to a “Day of Recollection” that is put on by our State Council.

Either one of these events is time spent wisely to help profess and increase our Catholic Faith

Paul Lemek, Faith Activities Director



“May he save your foot from stumbling; may he, your guardian, not fall asleep!” – Psalms 121:3

FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE

The Life Activities Committee note the following upcoming activities:

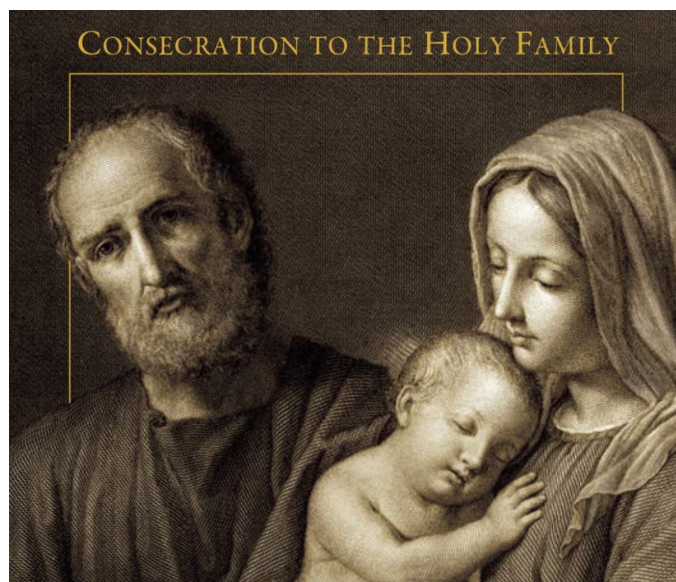
- **Deanery Holy Hour for Life** – Monday, September 9th at 7:00 PM at SS. Peter and Paul Church West Warwick (same day as Business Meeting)
- **Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children** – Saturday, September 14th at 10:00 AM Baby Land at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery Riverside (same day as car show)
- **40 Days for Life** – Wednesday, September 25th, at Noon Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul; Mass followed by procession to Planned Parenthood
- **Silver Rose** – Tuesday, October 1, @ 6:30PM at Our Lady of Good Counsel, West Warwick.
- **Human Life Guild Day** – Saturday, October 5th, @ 9AM, Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul (don't have the full program yes; it begins with a mass then there are 5 presentations including Fr. Fleming; it was \$25 last year)
- **Life Chain Sunday** – Sunday, October 6th (I'll ask Fr. Woolley if there are any plans at SS John & Paul, perhaps worthy GK Paul can ask the Round Table Chairmen for the other parishes whether they have plans)
- **Mass for People with Disabilities** - Irma I. Rodríguez, Director, Apostolate for People with Disabilities (SPRED) has responded to my request about a mass for people with disabilities; we'll meet (TBD) to discuss what she'd done in the past

John Murray, Life Activities Director

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. The Family Activities Committee will also be planning the monthly "Knight Out" which provides a great opportunity for Brother Knights and their families to enjoy a meal out at one of our local restaurants.

Brothers, if you're interested in helping out with Family activities, please contact Brother David Legault or Brother Tony.



"s you are sons, God has sent into our hearts the Spirit of his Son crying, 'Abba, Father!'"
Galatians 4:6

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

David Thatcher	September 4
Jeffrey La Victoire	September 6
John Murray	September 7
Bo Kenahan	September 10
Joseph Larsh	September 13
George McLaughlin	September 14
Timothy Maynard	September 17
Harold Trafford	September 22
Hugh Fitzpatrick	September 25



Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

Brother Knight:

In the 36 hours since Hurricane Dorian tracked destruction through the Bahamas, the Knights have raised over \$178,500 to support disaster relief. Supplies, food, and water are on their way to those who need it in Grand Bahama. The cost of the supplies we sent is well above what we have raised to date and the need continues to grow. In addition, we have also sent support to the communities affected in the Carolinas.

With your continued generosity Knights in the Bahamas, Florida and the Carolinas can continue to serve the affected communities in their jurisdictions. With your help, they can increase support and have the tools necessary to meet the needs of those we jointly serve.

As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reminds us, "When disaster strikes, we strike back with service." What are you waiting for?

Pray, serve, GIVE today — 100% of your support goes directly to disaster relief!

<https://www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/disaster-relief.html>



**Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 K of C
to sponsor Youth Soccer Challenge
Competition**

**Saturday, September 14, 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 14, 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.

"Anyone who is wise or understanding among you should from a good life give evidence of deeds done in the gentleness of wisdom." — James 3:13

COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER – Funny4Funds Friday, September 6, 2019



"Thus, condemnation will never come to those who are in Christ Jesus." – Romans 8:1