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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

OCTOBER KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD

NOVEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 11/6/2019
TIME: 7:00PM

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 11/11/2019
TIME: 7:30PM

NOVEMBER KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: TBD
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well.

Our District Meeting was held on October 2nd at Saints John & James Church and was led by our Worthy District Deputy Michael Colvin. The main subject of the meeting was the "Delta Church Drive" which is a new twist to the recruitment process that we presently do at our local parishes. This process is in the "trial" phase and New England is the first region to attempt its application. The meeting was attended by acting Membership Director Brother Frank Laiter III, Brother Robert Brodeur and myself. Other district councils were represented there also. There will be a need for more Brother Knights to be brought up to speed on this recruitment process to make it successful. More to come soon!

We have had many events in the last few weeks which are tied into our Faith in Action program:

- The Council sponsored a Funny for Funds Comedy night which raised money to purchase coats for needy children in the four parishes that we support. The comedy was clean and super funny!
- Members of our council cooked and sold hamburgers and hot dogs with all proceeds going to the Father John V. Doyle school.
- Our annual Soccer Challenge was held and was very successful.
- We also hosted the Silver Rose at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All CCD members and their parents and teachers as well as nine Brother Knights (there could have been more) including our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul Lemoi attended the solemn ceremony which included a Rosary for Life and a Benediction.

There will be more upcoming events to help support and enlighten our Catholic Faith. Please check your emails, this newsletter and/or attend a business meeting to find out how you can support and attend these events if you are able. Two of the Knights of Columbus principles is Unity and Fraternity. We need more Council members to support these two principles so that we can accomplish our FIRST PRINCIPLE which is Charity.

Please remember to include your family members in these events as the Knights of Columbus is an organization that is dedicated of the building the faith in the Domestic Church which is the Family.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Lemek
Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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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**

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Grand Knight

Paul Lemek

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Earl Mahar

Two Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Three Year Trustee

Frank Laiter III



Chaplain's Corner

Brother Knights,

My brother Knights, October is Respect Life Month, its theme this year is "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life". The first Sunday of October is Respect Life Sunday. Twenty-five years ago, our Holy father Saint John Paul II in his encyclical "Evangelium Vitae" ("The Gospel of Life") addressed the sacredness of all human life from conception to natural death. It included a strong statement to the political world to do its part in protecting human life. This is one area that we still need to pray for to take place in the political world.

October is also the month of the Holy Rosary, calling to mind that Our Lady of Fatima asking the young children to pray the Rosary daily for the forgiveness of sins in the world. On October 1st we gathered to celebrate the "Silver Rose Ceremony" at Our Lady of Good Counsel thank you to all the Knights that attended. Our religious education families were truly impressed with the ceremony, especially in seeing the Rose and offering petitions to Our Lady of Guadeloupe. It was an evening of prayer for the sanctity of human life.

Many of our local parishes offer times for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to allow to spend some quite time before the Blessed Sacrament. Also, many of the parishes have Rosary and Solemn Benediction in honor of our Blessed Lady. I would ask that you try to attend some of the opportunities of prayer with your families. Remember to pray the Rosary daily for the sanctity of human life and for an end to abortions in the world.

Vivat Jesus!
 Father Paul Lemoi
 Chaplain

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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| • Our Holy Father Pope Francis | • Brother Paul Lacroix |
| • His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin | • Brother Matt Parent |
| • His Excellency Bishop Robert Evans | • Brother Tony Favata |
| • The Priests of the parishes we serve | • Lucille Ferrer |
| • PGK Angel Ferrer | • Bernadette Favata |
| • PGK/PFN Herb Knott | • Nancy Giolitti |
| • PGK William Moskosky | • Mary Deary |
| • Chancellor Anthony Machado | • Wyatt Canfield |
| • Treasurer David Legault | • Eric Thatcher |
| • Brother Alan Ogrodnik | • All US military personnel |
| • Brother Len Denommee | • The Unborn |
| • Brother John Deary | |

"The waters gradually fell until the tenth month when, on the first day of the tenth month, the mountain tops appeared." – Genesis 8:5

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 at Fish Hill Soccer Fields on Saturday, September 14 was very successful with 26 participants and nine champions. Thanks to the Brother Knights who have volunteered to help.

Also, thanks to the Brother Knights who helped at the Fr John V Doyle School Car Show on September 14th. We made a net total of \$725.20 for FJVD selling food and drink.

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



“You see, anyone who keeps the whole of the Law but trips up on a single point, is still guilty of breaking it all.” – James 2:10

FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE

The Life Activities Committee note the following upcoming activities:

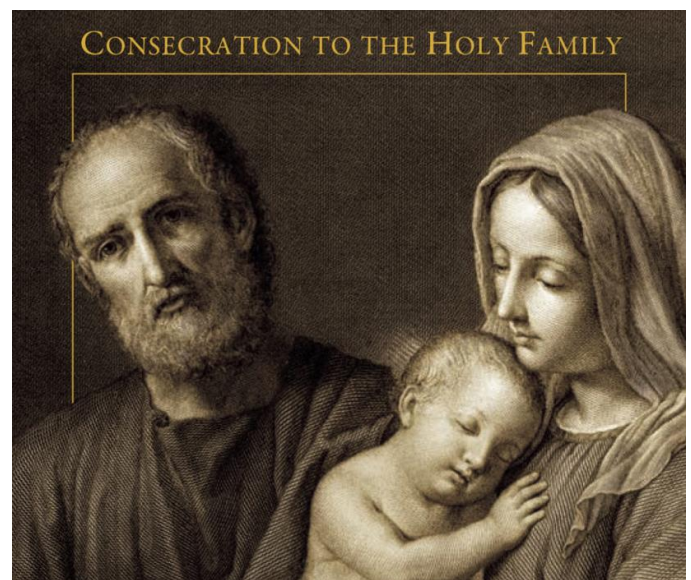
- **40 Days for Life** – The Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council was represented at the Mass at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul on September 25th to kick off the 40 Days for Life Campaign and the subsequent prayerful demonstration outside Planned Parenthood. Also, the tentative date for Blessing Council members to participate in the 40 Days for Life (praying at Planned Parenthood) is Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 AM. Members can sign up for the vigil at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/providence/> or you can give your name to Life Director, John Murray, who can sign you up. Note, members can sign up for a time more conducive to their schedule or sign up for multiple vigils.
- **Silver Rose** – The Silver Rose Prayer Service on Tuesday, October 2nd, at Our Lady of Good Counsel was cited by State Faith Program Director, Michael DeAngelis, as the best attended one to date. Father Paul Lemoi, Peter E. Blessing Council Chaplin, lead the ceremony. In drawing inspiration from the Memorare, he noted the role our Blessed Mother Mary has to combat the culture of death, "... never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided." Father also recounted the historic role the Columbian Squires had in developing the Silver Rose pilgrimage.
- **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)
- **Mary Our Mother Celebration** – Brother Knights of our the Council will be participating in the celebration of Mary Our Mother at Saints John and Paul Church on Sunday October 13th. The scheduled events are mass at 9:30, praying the Living Rosary at 10:30, a pancake breakfast immediately after the Rosary. Tickets will be sold after all masses on October 5-6 (not at the door).

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.



"Yahweh wished, because of his saving justice, to make the Law great and glorious."
Isaiah 42:21

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Francis J Perry, Jr.	October 2
Arthur Lebrun	October 3
David Tremblay	October 3
Brian Smith	October 4
Joseph Jarvis, Jr.	October 6
Matthew Duska	October 7
Robert Brodeur, Jr.	October 7
James Kmon	October 7
Donald Oat, Jr.	October 15
Ryan Tremblay	October 20
Fr. Jacek Ploch	October 22
Alan Giroux	October 23
Donat Lamoureux	October 27
Patrick Ryan	October 27
John Criscione	October 29

**NINE SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONS!**

Our council had another great turnout for the 2019 Soccer Challenge at Fish Hill on Saturday, September 14. A total of 26 participants took part in the competition, and we had nine champions who are eligible to take part in the State Soccer Challenge in October. Our champions are as follows:

Age 9 Boys:	Brandon Amaral
Age 10 Boys:	Josh Donehower
Age 10 Girls:	Ella Hitte
Age 11 Boys:	Brendan Mowry
Age 11 Girls:	Hailey Duggan
Age 12 Boys:	Brady DeVerna
Age 12 Girls:	Aubrey Donnelly
Age 13 Boys:	Logan Moore
Age 13 Girls:	Avarie White

**BLESSING COUNCIL KNIGHTS SUPPORT CAR SHOW!**

Blessing Council Knights supported the Father John V. Doyle School car show on Saturday, September 14, with great success. All hot dogs and hamburgers purchased were sold, and also some the school had leftover sold, as well! Total receipts were \$981.35 less \$256.15 the cost of food purchased resulted in a net total of \$725.20 which went directly to the school. A huge thanks to all Brother Knights who supported this endeavor, especially our Worthy Grand Knight Paul Lemek, Brothers Pat Hurley, Earl Mahar, Steven Kukulka, Jimmy Hall, Bo Kenahan and Ron De Lalla. In addition, a special thanks to Brother Mark Giolitti who made the necessary purchases from Restaurant Depot. Thank you all for a great success.

Special thanks go out to the Brother Knights who helped out with the event: District Deputy Mike Colvin, Financial Secretary Neil Fidler, Brother John Murray, Brother Mark Giolitti and Brother Rob Brodeur. Also helping out with the event were Brother Mark's daughter Sara, his nephew Max, and Max's friend Sadie. Also, thanks to the Coventry Soccer Association who made the field and a goal available for our use. Looking forward to next year's Soccer Challenge!

"By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and Savior, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel." – Acts 5:31

**COUNCIL SOCCER CHALLENGE, Fish Hill Soccer Complex
Saturday, September 14, 2019**



“Thus, condemnation will never come to those who are in Christ Jesus.” – Galatians 3:24

SEPTEMBER "KNIGHT OUT"- Braza Brazilian BBQ
Tuesday, September 24, 2019



"And he said to him, 'I will give you all these, if you fall at my feet and do me homage.'" – Matthew 4:9