

Happy New Year!



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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1/8/2020
TIME: 7:00PM

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 1/13/2020
TIME: 7:30PM

JANUARY KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: PRO-LIFE DINNER, ST. JOHN PAUL II,
PAWTUCKET
DATE: SATURDAY 1/18/2020
TIME: 5:30PM (MASS AT 4:30PM)

DELTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
DATE: 2/1-2/2020
TIME: ALL MASSES

FEBRUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 2/5/2020
TIME: 7:00PM

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 2/10/2020
TIME: 7:30PM

FEBRUARY KNIGHT OUT

PLACE: COWESETT INN, WEST WARWICK
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well.

We are now halfway through another fraternal year. Our Council, as always, has accomplished much this past six months. We had our "Funny4Funds" Comedy Night event from which the proceeds we used to purchase new winter coats for needy families in our parishes.

This past September we had a booth at the Annual Car Show where we sold hamburgers and hot dogs along with chips and soda. Our proceeds from this work went to the Father John V. Doyle School. We also had a successful Soccer challenge with many participants from all over the community. We also continue to take care of the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue Avenue and Arnold Road.

We held Donation nights prior to our monthly business meetings and our Council gave out many donations to our Churches, Seminarians and other charitable organizations in the community.

During the past six months we had many opportunities to increase our faith by attending the Silver Rose ceremony held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. This is a nice family event where we learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe and pray the Rosary for the sanctity of life at all stages. We also prayed the Rosary at Planned Parenthood in Providence to ask Our Lady to intercede for an end to abortion.

We recently had our annual Christmas Party at Cranston Country Club where we had fine food, music and great companionship with Brother Knights and their families.

We hope to have within the second half of our fraternal year more opportunities to increase our Catholic faith. Please plan to attend and, if needed, to help your Brother Knights with your talents.

I would personally like to thank all our Brother Knights that participated in our events over the past year. You are truly putting your "Faith in Action." Brothers, please consider taking part in these programs with family members if possible and with prospective candidates if you know of one.

We have business meetings every 2nd Monday of each month. Please attend these meetings to see what our Council is planning and what we have accomplished. May Our Lord grant us a Happy and Blessed New Year.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Paul Lemek
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Corner

As we enter a new decade with 2020 many have made what we call New Year's resolutions. How many of us have included some spiritual resolutions? How many of us are committing ourselves to praying the rosary daily, or striving to go to daily Mass, or attending any of the adoration times that are offered at the parishes in our area. How many of us will make the commitment of attending the holy hour for life each month? Striving to do any of these spiritual activities offers to us an abundance of God's graces.

How many of us have made the resolution to become more involved in our Council Activities? How many of us will reach out to a member that we know who has not been attending our meetings? How do we encourage them to become active once again, sharing their gifts and talents?

In the month of January, we focus our prayers especially for the unborn and the end of abortion throughout the world. Even though our days begin to be lighter longer, this is still a darkness in our world. Once again, I ask you to strive to attend the monthly holy hour for Life there has to be more than just the same few attending, in numbers there is strength. May God's Blessing of his grace and strength be upon all of you and your family in this New Year of 2020.

Vivat Jesus!
 Father Paul Lemoi
 Chaplain

PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and 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 Bo Kenahan
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Charlie Sweeney
- Brother Dan Sylvester (recently deceased)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Dorothy Piatek (recently deceased)
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

"Yahweh will always guide you, will satisfy your needs in the scorched land; he will give strength to your bones and you will be like a watered garden, like a flowing spring whose waters never run dry." – Isaiah 58:11

FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY

Our Coats for Kids activity is at an end. The Community Activities committee is happy to report that we have distributed 50+ coats for children of needy families in the area. Thanks to all Brother Knights who made this a success, and even more importantly, making it possible for those children to stay warm during these cold, winter days.

The maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue Ave. and Arnold Rd. will begin again in April with the arrival of warm, spring weather. At that time, if you are interested in lending a hand, we meet most Saturdays there at 9AM.

John Pizzo, Community Activities Director

FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY

Knight Out. Our first Knight Out of the year will be the Pro-Life Dinner which Brother John Murray describes in his Life Activities column next to this one. I will be taking a head count and providing to PSD Jim Gilcreast by this Thursday, January 16. Please call me at 401-595-2893 or email at dlegault59@cox.net.

David Legault, Family Activities Director

FAITH IN ACTION – FAITH

We continue to count our council's attendance to the monthly Holy Hours around the diocese and plan for a retreat in conjunction with Sts. John & James council sometime in the spring of 2020.

Brothers, if you're interested in helping out with Faith activities, please contact the Worthy Grand Knight.

Paul Lemek, Faith Activities Director

FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE

Pro-Life Dinner. The Annual Rhode Island State Council Pro-life Dinner will be Saturday, January 18, 2020 at St John Paul II Parish, 697 Central Ave., Pawtucket, RI 02861. Mass at 4:30 p.m. Reception at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$20 per person. There will be raffles and donations for the raffles will be appreciated. Proceeds will benefit five different pro-life organizations.

If you are interested, contact Worthy Treasurer David Legault at 401-595-2893 or email at dlegault59@cox.net

John Murray, Life Activities Director

"Accept one another, then, for the sake of God's glory, as Christ accepted you." – Romans 15:7

ANNUAL DUES

Last month, reminder notices went out to those Brother Knights who are not Honorary Life members nor exempt to pay their annual dues of \$25 for 2020. Many of those Brother Knights have already paid their dues, and their membership cards have been sent. For those Brother Knights who haven't paid their dues yet, you will have an opportunity to pay them directly prior to the January business meeting. I will be there 20 minutes early if you would like to do so then. Otherwise, please send your annual dues via mail to me at 72 Columbia Ave., Coventry, RI 02816, by January 31. Please make checks payable to Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 K of C. For those who do not pay their dues by January 31, a second reminder notice will be sent.

If, for whatever reason, you are not able to pay your annual dues, please contact me at 401-632-7922 or via email at Narragansett55@gmail.com, and we can work something out. All communication with me regarding this will be strictly confidential.

Neil Fidler, Financial Secretary

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE: JANUARY



Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to take to heart the example of the Wise Men and go out of your way occasionally to visit the Blessed Sacrament in a local church. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action March for Life or Novena for Life programs or to personally support a local pro-life initiative.

Questions for Reflection: What daily opportunities do you have to encounter Christ? Because gratitude counters our tendency to take things for granted, how can you demonstrate daily gratitude in your life? Why is it important to visit Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and have you benefited from this experience?

UPCOMING DELTA CHURCH RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Plans are set for our first Delta Church Recruitment Drive to be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. The drive is scheduled for the weekend of February 1-2. More details will be announced at our January business meeting and by email.

The new Delta Church Recruitment Drive will require Brother Knights to act as "ambassadors" for the Knights of Columbus, and our council will be looking for volunteers to take part as "ambassadors" for this drive during the January business meeting. If you are not able to make the January meeting, but are interested in participating in the drive as an "ambassador," please contact our Membership Director Rob Brodeur at 401-569-9887. There will be training on what an "ambassador" does.

Brothers, this is very important work for our council and our order. We are especially looking to recruit younger members. Our council is one of the largest in the state with a total membership of 146 Brother Knights. However, of the 146, only 10 Brother Knights are under the age of 40. As you can see from that number, our council won't have a long shelf life if we can't boost the under 40 numbers. Please consider helping out in this endeavor for the survival of the council and of the order.

Robert Brodeur, Membership Director

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Thomas Gostomski	January 1
David Canfield	January 2
Stephen Kukulka	January 7
Richard Houle	January 8
Patrick Hurley	January 12
Dale Cross	January 18
Earl Mahar	January 21
Anthony Machado	January 24
Anthony Favata	January 25
Philip Vanasse	January 27
Scott True	January 30
Richard Sullivan	January 31

"If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave." – Bishop Fulton Sheen

CHRISTMAS PARTY, Cranston Country Club December 8, 2019



“As God's dear children, then, take him as your pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering.” – Ephesians 5:1-2