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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: ZOOM MEETING (DETAILS VIA EMAIL)
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 10/7/2020
TIME: 7:00PM

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: ZOOM MEETING (DETAILS VIA EMAIL)
DATE: MONDAY, 10/12/2020
TIME: 7:30PM

NOVEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 11/4/2020
TIME: 7:00PM

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA
DATE: MONDAY, 11/9/2020
TIME: 7:30PM

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Meeting Place:
SS John and Paul Parish Center



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well and staying as safe as possible.

Fr. Paul Lemoi and District Deputy, Michael Colvin performed the Installation of Officers ceremony at Our Lady Good Council Church on Sunday, October 4, 2020 to bless the officers through a most difficult year ahead. I'm sure the officers and council members will work together in various events to give us another success year.

The month of October is an exciting time for our council with many events planned throughout the month. Please read this newsletter thoroughly for the dates and times for each event.

Dear Brother Knights! Please become involved in these planned events to strengthen you spiritually as a Knights of Columbus member.

Our Faith in Action Program is well underway thanks to the hard work of the dedicated program directors. Faith Director, Neil Fidler has started the "Into the Breach" program which began on October 1, 2020 and will continue for 12 weeks ending Jan 7, 2021. Many of our brothers have joined this program to discuss different topics each week. Life Director, Paul Lemek began the 40 Days for Life Sidewalk Rosary on October 3, 2020. The event takes place in front of Planned Parenthood in Providence. Our next Sidewalk Rosary is scheduled for October 17, 2020 at 9:00am. Other programs are planned in the Faith in Action program through the upcoming months. As Grand Knight, I plan to attend each program event and hope to see many council members show their support.

If you know of Catholic gentlemen that would be interested in becoming a member please let an officer of our council know. Bringing in new members will help bring new ideas to the council.

Please pray for peace in our country during this trying time and for an end to this pandemic.

Join us Monday, October 12h via zoom meeting. Vivat Jesus!

David Legault
Grand Knight

Supreme Knight

Carl A. Anderson

RI State Deputy

David Quinn

District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)

Michael Colvin

Insurance Agent

Jim Davis

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

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Officers:**Chaplain**

Rev. Paul Lemoi

Grand Knight

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One Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Two Year Trustee

Frank Laiter III

Three Year Trustee

Paul Lemek



Chaplain's Corner

Brother Knights,

We have begun Fall and the leaves are changing their colors, the days are getting colder and shorter daylight. This is a month that is dedicated to Our Blessed Lady of the Rosary. It is also a month where we pray for the sanctity of all life, especially for the unborn. My Brothers I ask that you pray the Rosary daily asking our Blessed Lady to intercede for us to her Beloved Son for his protection and for His guidance in this time. May He bring healing to our world, may Her help us to be more compassionate to one another.

We have begun the Novena for Life; may we strive to attend daily Mass if possible or at least to attempt to watch it on TV daily. Please continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis and for our Bishops Thomas and Robert and for priests of the world. Let us also pray for all Seminarians as they continue their journey towards Priesthood.

May God's blessings be upon you and your families.

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
- Father Richard Bucci
- Father Victor Silva
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky
- PGK Daniel Danis
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Rob Brodeur
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Stephen Mattias
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

"Put your trust in Yahweh and do right, make your home in the land and live secure." – Psalms 37:3

DON'T WORRY, RETIRE HAPPY



A Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Seminar Featuring: Award-Winning Author and Speaker Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL

When: October 13, 2020, @ 7PM EST
Where: Virtual Meeting

Thinking about retirement? Award-winning author, speaker and economist – Tom Hegna – will be joining agents from the New England Knights of Columbus Agencies to present a free webinar for members and guests. Tom has been dubbed by many as “The Retirement Income Expert” and will be sharing his 7 steps to a secure retirement. "Don't Worry, Retire Happy! Seven Steps to Retirement Security" is your guide to straight-forward retirement planning in uncertain times. In this presentation, Tom will simplify the retirement journey with his seven steps to retirement security. Learn how to make a trouble-free plan for retirement with a solid foundation to build on for future generations. Avoid living a just-in-case retirement and enjoy the fruits of your labor! Whether you are a late starter with your retirement planning or you have significant savings, this presentation outlines how to make the most from the least with the smallest amount of risk.

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/yy8ee9j7>

FATHER MCGIVNEY BEATIFICATION MASS



Father McGivney's beatification Mass will be celebrated on October 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT, and broadcast live by EWTN, Salt + Light TV and CatholicTV. You can also visit www.kofc.org/beatification — There, you'll be able to join the live-streamed events, download council resources, watch free videos, discover the miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession and much more.

The Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes announced the date for the beatification July 20.

The miracle recognized by the Vatican occurred in 2015 and involved an U.S. baby, still in utero, with a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion.

That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5. His parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, of Dickson, Tennessee, prayed to McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops.

“you will be rich enough in every way for every kind of generosity that makes people thank God for what we have done.” – 2 Corinthians 9:11

FAITH ACTIVITIES - INTO THE BREACH

We had a great first session of Into the Breach on Thursday, October 1, via Zoom meeting. The topic was Masculinity, and various questions were presented to the nine Brother Knights who attended. A very lively discussion was had, and we ended up going over the time allotted of one hour.

The next session will be on Brotherhood on Thursday, October 8, via Zoom meeting. I will send out the meeting details via email to the Council membership. Please feel free to join us. We would love to hear from you and get your thoughts.

Here's the entire schedule of sessions which will start at 7PM:

Oct 1 – Masculinity
 Oct 8 – Brotherhood
 Oct 15 – Leadership
 Oct 22 – Fatherhood
 Oct 29 – Family
 Nov 5 – Life
 Nov 12 – Prayer
 Nov 19 – Suffering
 Dec 3 – Sacramental Life
 Dec 10 – Spiritual Warfare
 Dec 17 – Evangelization
 Jan 7 – The Cornerstone

At current time due to COVID-19 restrictions, I will be conducting these sessions via online Zoom meetings. However, if restrictions change over the course of the sessions, I will investigate conducting these sessions in person.

Vivat Jesus!
 Neil Fidler, Faith Director

NEW ARRIVAL!

Our Worthy Grand Knight David Legault became a grandfather for the third time with the birth of his beautiful granddaughter, Leighton. She was born on September 21st and weighed 6 lbs 6 oz. Congratulations Worthy Grand Knight and family!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

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

“Faithful love is what people look for in a person; they prefer the poor to a liar.” – Proverbs 19:22

FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY ACTIVITIES

My Brothers All,

Regarding Family Programs, we will be donating \$500 to “Our Daily Bread” program this coming month pending approval of the Council Membership.

Looking ahead, we are thinking about participating in two of the three following programs: Consecration of the Holy Family, Good Friday Promotion and Keep Christ in Christmas. More information is forthcoming.

Vivat Jesus,
William Jakabek
Family Director



FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

My Brothers All,

We continue to do maintenance on the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue and Arnold Road. As you can see from the photos, Eagle Scout Candidate Chris Godfrey and his team did a fantastic job, and we need to keep it up.

I am looking into various fundraising activities in lieu of our not being able to have large gatherings. Hopefully, I'll get a meeting together soon to brainstorm ideas. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any ideas.

Vivat Jesu,
John Pizzo
Community Director



FAITH IN ACTION LIFE ACTIVITIES

My Brothers All,

Our Council is involved in the 40 Days of Life Campaign. We will be praying the Rosary at Planned Parenthood in Providence on Saturday, October 17, at 9AM. We will meet at the Saints John and Paul Church parking lot at 8:15AM that day. Please join us!

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Lemek
Program and Life Director



“If they take notice and obey him, the rest of their days are prosperous, and the years pass pleasantly.” – Job 36:11

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falconi.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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"Give in to God, then; resist the devil, and he will run away from you." — James 4:7