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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3/3/2021
TIME: 7:00PM

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
DATE: MONDAY, 3/8/2021
TIME: 7:30PM

APRIL OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4/7/2021
TIME: 7:00PM

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
DATE: MONDAY, 4/12/2021
TIME: 7:30PM

WITH CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE, ALL MEETING VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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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.

With the Lenten season upon us, many opportunities are available at our council churches to practice our faith. Holy Hours, Stations of the Cross, Confessions and daily or weekly masses are a way to strengthen ourselves to become better Catholics. The Good Friday Family Promotion provided through our Faith in Action Program gives Knights and their families a chance to become closer to Christ and his teachings.

Since our last meeting, I will inform you of the passing of Past Grand Knight, William C. Moskosky, Jr. Bill was Grand Knight during the 2007-08 Columbian Year and always remained active in council matters. A mass will be held in his memory during the weeks ahead for his wife and family to attend along with brother knights.

During my last few months as Grand Knight, my main focus is increasing membership through any means possible and mine is through Prayer. Last week I received an email from Financial Secretary, Neil Fidler notifying me of a new member Joseph Murphy. Brother Joe always wanted to become a Knight but, and finally joined in 2020. He completed the State Council online exemplification last Thursday, February 25, achieving full Knighthood. Brother Joe has officially joined our council. We asked Brother Joe to join our next Zoom membership meeting so we can welcome him to our Order. Let us continue to grow our membership, so if you know of Catholic gentleman that would be interested in becoming a member please let an officer know. Bringing in new members will help bring in new ideas to the council.

In the midst of the pandemic and the guidelines set by our Governor, all meetings will remain virtual until all restrictions have been lifted.

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

Join us Monday, March 8th at 7:30pm via Zoom meeting.

Thank you, brothers, for the work you do.

God Bless & 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

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John Pizzo

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Three Year Trustee

Paul Lemek



Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

We began the month of March soon to spring ahead one hour in time, but also, we begin to see signs of the season of Spring that is upon us. In March we will have two great days of celebration, one in honor of St. Patrick and the other honoring St. Joseph. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared a year honoring St. Joseph, reflecting on Joseph being called by God to be the earthy father of our Lord Jesus Christ. From Joseph and Mary, Jesus learnt the tenets of the Jewish faith. "Isn't he the carpenter's son," many times we have seen images of Joseph teaching Jesus some carpentry. May Joseph guide and our fathers in caring for their children and spouse.

As we journey through Lent continue to use Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving as a means to prepare yourself for the Paschal Feast. Read and meditate on Sacred Scriptures especially in reading the events of Christ's Passion. Continue to pray the Rosary daily for the Sanity of all human life. If you are able try to attend any of the Lenten services that are being offered by your parish or one nearby. Especially try to attend these special services during Holy Week.

Continue to pray for all those suffering from COVID-19 and for all caregivers that they may be sustained by the grace of God in all that they do.

May God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph bless your families.

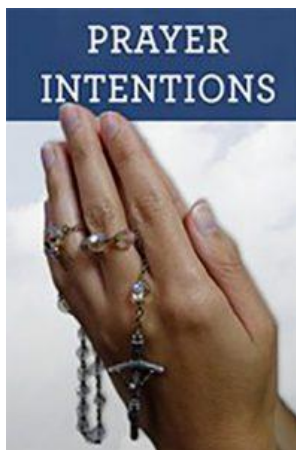
Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi

Chaplain



"All goes well for one who lends generously, who is honest in all his dealing" – Psalms 112:5



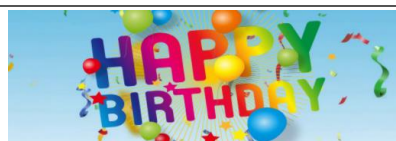
- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Father Frederick V. Slota
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky (recently deceased)
- PGK Daniel Danis
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Matt Parent
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Maureen Robinson
- Betty Davis
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY ACTIVITIES

My Brothers All,

The “Food for Families” Program (a featured Program), and the “Consecration to the Holy Family” Program, are now both complete. Currently, I am working towards the completion of the “Preparation for Good Friday” Program. Good Friday is celebrated on April 2nd this year. Unfortunately, many of the suggested “face to face” preparation activities pertaining to this program could not be accomplished due to COVID-19 restrictions, but I/we have been able to do other things that hopefully will motivate individuals & families to participate in the Good Friday Services at each of the Parishes that our Council is associated with. Firstly, a schedule of Good Friday Stations of the Cross, and Good Friday Evening Services was sent out to all Knights via global email. Secondly, a special KofC “Prayer for all Persecuted Christians” will be published in each Parish Bulletin at least once during Lent. Lastly, beginning Sunday, March 7th, Parishioners will find the following KofC supplied items at the entrances to all 4 associate Churches ... Posters inviting all parishioners to Good Friday Services ... Actual “Christian Persecution” Prayer Cards ... and “Christ - Lord & Savior” booklets, a 36-page Lenten themed booklet that they can take home for their families to read.

Vivat Jesus!
Bill Jakabek
Family Director



Happy Birthday this month to the following Brother Knights:

James Dacey	March 3
Michael Greene	March 3
Paul Lacroix	March 6
Thomas Kelly	March 8
Stephen Bert	March 11
Christopher Dyl	March 15
Pierre Desrosiers	March 15
Steven Saritelli	March 16
Leonard Denommee	March 21
Joseph DaSilva	March 22
John Tally	March 30
Michael Byrne	March 30
Jaroslav Lewkowski	March 31

“From this you can see that Yahweh your God is the true God, the faithful God who, though he is true to his covenant and his faithful love for a thousand generations as regards those who love him and keep his commandments.” – Deuteronomy 7:9

PGK WILLIAM C. MOSKOSKY, JR. 1950-2021



Past Grand Knight William C. Moskosky went to his eternal reward on Saturday, February 27. Brother Bill served as our Grand Knight during the 2007-08 Columbian Year. He was an extremely active Brother Knight in our council, and with the Coventry Columbus Club prior to the sale of the Council Hall in 2011.

Brother Bill joined the order back in 1985 as a charter member of Mary Doran Council in West Warwick and transferred over to Blessing Council about 15 years ago and expressed his desire to become Grand Knight which became a reality. During his tenure as Grand Knight, Brother Bill saw the creation of our Squires program, and was incredibly supportive of the program.

Please pray for the repose of Brother Bill's soul and for his wife Cathy and his entire family during their time of grief.

OUR NEW SUPREME KNIGHT, PATRICK KELLY



On March 1, 2021, Patrick Kelly begins his tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight, leading the Knight of Columbus around the world in our mission of charity, unity and fraternity. He has had a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has a demonstrated track record of service to Church and country, which serves him well in advancing the Knights' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Mr. Kelly has served as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2017. Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Public Policy for 11 years, spearheading the Knights' interaction with the White House, Congress and federal agencies. He has also served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia. As a longtime executive and fraternal leader of the Knights of Columbus, he has consistently strengthened its record of charity, advocacy, insurance, investment and membership growth.

Mr. Kelly served as the first executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., and oversaw the renewal of the facility after its purchase by the Knights in 2011. During his tenure, the shrine became a leading pilgrimage site and a source of education and inspiration for Catholics throughout the United States and the world.

He and his wife, Vanessa, have three daughters. They live in Connecticut.

"The Spirit himself joins with our spirit to bear witness that we are children of God." – Romans 8:16

FAITH IN ACTION - LIFE ACTIVITIES

My Brothers All,

As Program Director: Thanks to the efforts of our Directors and all participants we are progressing successfully toward receiving the Columbian Award regarding the Faith in Action initiative.

As Life Director: All programs completed regarding the Life category. Please continue to pray for the Protection of Life at all stages. These prayers are important because the culture of death is prominent with the present Administration in the White House and some members of Congress.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Lemek
Program and Life Director

FAITH IN ACTION – FAITH ACTIVITIES

My Brothers All,

Our first Building the Domestic Church Kiosk has been installed at SS John and Paul Church at the front entrance. People have already started taking booklets, and per Fr. Woolley, it is a success! Kiosks will be installed in our other three churches during March!

Vivat Jesus,
Neil Fidler, Faith Director

**SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE
March 2021**

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." (Gospel for March 28, Mk 14:22-24)

At the Last Supper, Jesus gave us the gift of himself in the Eucharist, our essential spiritual food and drink, which gives us the life of Christ. We live at a time when many Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist — the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. May we, brother Knights, never forget the true nature of the Eucharist nor lose our desire to receive Christ in the sacrament of the altar.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:
This month, I challenge you to spend 10 additional minutes each Sunday before Mass preparing to receive the Eucharist and 10 minutes after Mass in thanksgiving for this gift. Second, I challenge you to assist your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program to help your fellow parishioners understand the great gifts of the sacraments.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you examine your conscience before receiving holy Communion and go to confession first, if necessary? Do you show reverence for Christ in the Eucharist in such a way that you witness to the Real Presence to your family and fellow parishioners? During the consecration, are you attentive to the mystery taking place at the altar?

"God is perfectly able to enrich you with every grace, so that you always have enough for every conceivable need, and your resources overflow in all kinds of good work." – 2 Corinthians 9:8

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