

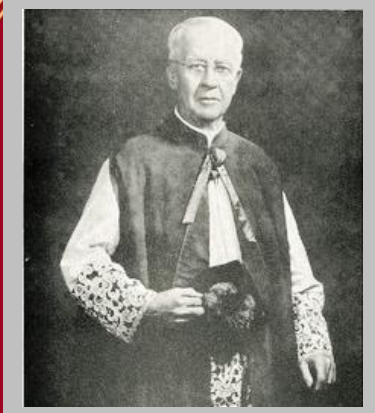


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MSGR PETER E. BLESSING
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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
 Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6/9/2021
 TIME: 7:00PM

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
 DATE: MONDAY, 6/14/2021
 TIME: 7:30PM

JULY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 7/7/2021
 TIME: 7:00PM

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
 DATE: MONDAY, 7/12/2021
 TIME: 7:30PM

OUR COUNCIL MUST OBSERVE ALL COVID-19 PROTOCOL AND RESTRICTIONS WHEN MEETING IN PERSON.

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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 June upon us, brings the end of the fraternal Year 2020-2021 that required many changes to follow in the Knight's programs to meet state requirements for the Covid-19 pandemic. I enjoyed serving as Grand Knight even during this pandemic learning to adapt to special guidelines set by Supreme. The nominating committee has granted me the opportunity to serve as grand knight for the next fraternal year.

Our members should be proud of their accomplishments in the Faith in Action, Benefits and Recruitment programs. I am pleased to announce our council will receive the Columbian and Founders Awards and hopefully fill all requirements for the Star Council award in the next few weeks. The dedication, support, and talents of everyone has shown that knights are special servants to God's teachings.

Last weekend a recruitment drive was held at Saints John & Paul Parish in Coventry to encourage Catholic men to become members of the Knights of Columbus. With the leadership of Membership Director, Rob Brodeur and many other brothers attending masses that weekend, they made this important mission a success. We only need two new members to reach our quota for Star Council. We need new members to continue our mission as knights to make the community a better place and support the Catholic faith. Let us continue to grow our membership, so if you know of a Catholic gentleman that would be interested becoming a member, please let an officer know.

My decision as Grand Knight regarding membership meetings begin this month will meet be in person only (no Zoom) at SS John & Paul Parish Hall. With the availability of vaccines everyone should be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and the State of RI open 100% it is time to restore our normal way of life.

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

Join us Monday, June 14th at 7:30pm in person at SS John & Paul Parish Hall.

Thank you, brothers, for a successful year.

God Bless & Vivat Jesus!
 David Legault
 Grand Knight

Supreme Knight
Patrick Kelly
RI State Deputy
David Quinn
District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)
Michael Colvin
Insurance Agent
Jim Davis

Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Officers:

Chaplain
Rev. Paul Lemoi
Grand Knight
David Legault
Financial Secretary
Neil Fidler
Deputy Grand Knight
Brian Mattias
Chancellor
Anthony Machado
Warden
Frank Laiter, Jr.
Treasurer
William Jakabek
Recorder
Thomas Gostomski
Advocate
Patrick Hurley
Inside Guard
James Hall
Outside Guard
Stephen Kukulka
Lecturer
Edgar Brouillard
One Year Trustee
John Pizzo
Two Year Trustee
Frank Laiter III
Three Year Trustee
Paul Lemek



Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights,

June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I am sure that most of us can remember the picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus hanging on a wall in our parents' and/or our grandparents' homes. The Most Holy Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on Friday June 11th.

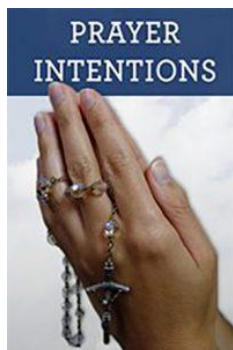
With the first hot days we are reminded that summer is just around the corner. Summer is a time of relaxation and celebrating family gatherings which we missed out on last summer, but there is still the need to be safe no matter what we are doing. In these hot days of summer, be mindful of elderly neighbors and the children on summer vacation from school playing in the streets.

Continue to pray the Rosary daily for the dignity of all human life. Strive to attend daily Mass if your time allows you to do. Remember summer does not mean that we take time away from God or our prayers.

May God's blessings be upon you and your families that you may all have a safe and relaxing summer.

Vivat Jesus!
Father Paul Lemoi
Chaplain

“In my Father's house there are many places to live in; otherwise I would have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you” – John 14:2



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve.
- Father John “J.D.” Duggan
- DD Michael Colvin
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- 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
- Brother Michael Osenkowski
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Justin McGowan
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

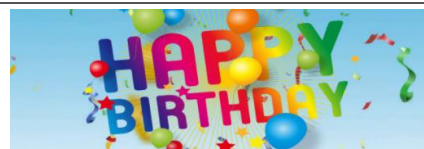
PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2021-22

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2021-22 Columbian Year to be voted on in the June meeting:

- Grand Knight: David Legault
- Deputy Grand Knight: Brian Mattias
- Chancellor: Anthony Machado
- Warden: Joseph Murphy
- Treasurer: William Jakabek
- Recorder: Jerry McEvoy
- Advocate: Patrick Hurley
- Inside Guard: James Hall
- Outside Guard: Stephen Kukulka
- Trustee, First Year: John Pizzo
- Trustee, Second Year: Frank Laiter III
- Trustee, Third Year: Paul Lemek

As a point of reference, the following officer positions are not up for election as they are appointments either:

- Financial Secretary: Appointed by Supreme
- Chaplain: Appointed by the Grand Knight
- Lecturer: Appointed by the Grand Knight



Happy Birthday this month to the following Brother Knights:

Fr. Christopher Mahar	June 2
Michael Emmett	June 6
David Manfredi	June 8
Ryan Switzer	June 8
Scott Senerchia	June 9
Roger Cyr	June 13
James Kiley, Jr.	June 13
Peter Blais	June 15
Stanley Jendzejec	June 16
Edward Rice III	June 17
Scott Cummiskey	June 23
Cornelius Fitton, Jr.	June 24
Vincent Rinaldi	June 28

“The heavens declare the glory of God, the vault of heaven proclaims his handiwork, day discourses of it to day, night to night hands on the knowledge.” – Psalms 19:1-2

FAITH IN ACTION ACTIVITIES UPDATE



PROGRAM AND LIFE - Paul Lemek, Director: It has been confirmed from Supreme that we have received the Columbian Award. Thank you again for all the hard work from our Program Directors. Thank you for all you do!

COMMUNITY - John Pizzo, Director: The Father John V Doyle School has asked the Blessing Council if we will sell hot dogs and hamburgers for the annual Car show on Saturday September 11 (We will be given the Prime spot in front of school). I will price out the cost of the items at Restaurant Depot, so we have an idea of the commitment. Also, I would like to get inputs from the Council as to dates for the Funny 4 Funds event I am going to propose September 24th, once a date is determined there is a \$200 deposit required to hold it. And finally, the upkeep of the Veterans Park on Tiogue and Arnold is ongoing, I am looking to replace all the Flags before the 4th of July.

FAITH - Neil Fidler, Director: We are firming up the Faith activities for the coming new Columbian year. Of course, the first activity will be the support of seminarians with our RSVP contribution. There will also be a novena for the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney. Other activities will be planned to fulfill our Columbian Award requirement.

FAMILY - Bill Jakabek, Director: Plans are in the making to determine the family activities for the coming Columbian year, and but I believe I will pursue the three programs that we participated in last year.

SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our successful membership drive at Saints John and Paul Parish on June 5th and 6th. We had one person sign up and hopefully he will be able to attend an exemplification this month. Please pray we get one additional new candidate so our council can achieve Star Council for this Columbian Year.

Robert Brodeur, Membership Director

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE

June 2021



“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” (Gospel for June 13, Mk 4:30-32)

Every gardener has witnessed how great things can come from small beginnings. Planted in its proper season and cared for over time, the tiniest seed can blossom into a glorious plant. Parents, teachers, and mentors responsible for the moral and spiritual formation of children know well the value of “planting seeds.” Instructing children in virtue at a young age gives them a firm foundation of faith as they mature. May we be intentional in our instruction and example to our children and others, knowing small actions can have great influence.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to share your faith and beliefs in at least one conversation with your children or friends. Second, I challenge you to join with your brother Knights in planning and participating in the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night program or Holy Hour program.

Questions for Reflection:

What “seeds” of faith did your own parents or others plant in your life as a youth that blossomed later in life? What are some of the concrete ways (even small ways) you can share your faith with your family and friends? What role does your witness — attending Mass, going to confession, serving others and being willing to discuss your faith — play in helping to strengthen the faith of others?

“And so glory be to God our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.” – Philippians 4:20

Face to face

can still be face to face.



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doesn't mean we can't meet together.*

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*“Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.”
– Ephesians 3:20*