

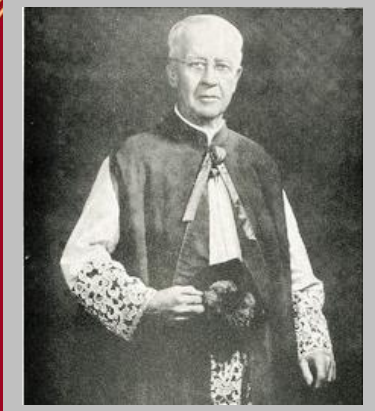


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 MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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 Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

AUGUST OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8/4/2021
 TIME: 7:00PM

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
 DATE: MONDAY, 8/9/2021
 TIME: 7:30PM

Grand Knight's Corner



My Brothers All,

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

The new fraternal year 2021-2022 began July 1st with my second term as grand knight. We should continue to make strides toward returning to normal in all activities we provide as knights. Last year I never envisioned that all my goals I set last July would be completed. I'm blessed to be part of this amazing and active council which shows the presence of God in all our programs and activities.

The council has increased its membership last year by adding six new knights to our roster. Two new members: Jerry McEvoy and Joseph Murphy are now council officers for this new Fraternal year. Congratulations for your dedication! New members may join in at any time to all our programs and activities.

I have new ideas to hopefully implement to this year activities. Also, with new members they can provided new suggestions and ideas to better our activities throughout the year.

May God bless the council members and all their efforts throughout this new Columbian year.

Join us Monday, July 12th at 7:30pm in person at SS John & Paul Parish Hall.

God Bless & Vivat Jesus!

David Legault
 Grand Knight

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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
Joseph Murphy
Treasurer
William Jakabek
Recorder
Jerry McEvoy
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,

I would like want to remind my Brother Knights and their families to be safe during these summer months. Ask yourself if what you are doing is safe, if there is some doubt, then do not do it.

Pray the Rosary daily and do not forget to keep Christ in your summer by attending weekend Masses or daily Mass if possible. God never takes a vacation from us, so we should not take one from Him.

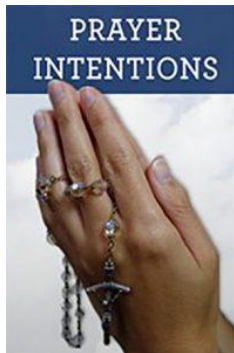
May you all have a safe and restful summer.

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 Daniel Danis (recently deceased)
- Brother Walter McLaughlin (recently deceased)
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- 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
- Justin McGowan
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

PRAY FOR OUR NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS

Effective July 1, our council has a new slate of officers as follows:

- Chaplain: Fr. Paul Lemoi
- Grand Knight: David Legault
- Deputy Grand Knight: Brian Mattias
- Financial Secretary: Neil Fidler
- 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
- Lecturer: Edgar Brouillard

Please pray for these men as they fulfill their duties in their offices that God may guide them to serve His church, the community and our council. Also, thanks to the outgoing officers for all their hard work.

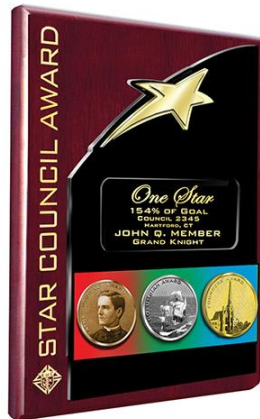


Happy Birthday this month to the following Brother Knights:

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| Cyril Dubrachek (96) | July 1 |
| Paul Lemek (71) | July 6 |
| Joseph Murphy (60) | July 9 |
| Lee Rossetti (64) | July 14 |
| John Ludka (61) | July 15 |
| Thomas Carroccia (65) | July 23 |
| Valentino Longo-Simone (70) | July 25 |
| Alexander Cote (29) | July 28 |
| Michael Laiter (55) | July 30 |

“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

BLESSING COUNCIL IS A STAR COUNCIL!



Brother Knights of the Blessing Council, give yourselves a pat on the back and a round of applause! We have achieved Star Council for the 2020-21 Columbian Year! The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, and programming. This means we achieved our membership quota of six new members, we participated in two fraternal benefits seminars and completed all requirements in the Faith in Action program. This is an even more stellar achievement when you consider that we accomplished this during an unprecedented global pandemic which has hindered our ability to meet and assemble in person. While we can all enjoy the fruits of our work, we should not rest on our laurels. We should attempt to equal or better our achievements in the new Columbian Year! Congratulations Blessing Council!

WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS!

During the month of June, Blessing Council was blessed with the addition of two new Brother Knights: Brother Mark Ulman and Brother Dennis Pouliot, Sr. Each completed the online exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to attain full Knighthood. Our council was also blessed with the transfer in of Brother Knight Richard Legault, brother of our Worthy Grand Knight David Legault, from Sacred Heart Council. Welcome aboard Brothers Mark, Dennis, and Richard! By the way, Brothers Mark and Dennis just celebrated birthdays at the end of June so a belated Happy Birthday to them!

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE

June 2021



“Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick — no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” (Gospel for July 11, Mk 6:7-8)

Jesus sends his disciples out on their mission with few provisions. It would be unthinkable for us today to take a trip without carrying cash or a credit card, making lodging arrangements or packing a suitcase. What are we to make of Christ's instructions, and how do they relate to our own baptismal mission? I offer two thoughts. First, we must trust that God will provide for our needs as we carry out his work. Second, we must not be encumbered by “excess baggage” — anything in our lives that can hold us back from carrying out God's will.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to spend an hour each week in eucharistic adoration, reflecting on relying on God alone and becoming detached from the things of this world. Second, I challenge you to work with your pastor to implement the Faith in Action Holy Hour program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you aware that Jesus is sending you on a mission in the world? Do you truly trust God to provide for your needs along the way? What “baggage” are you carrying that is holding you back from fulfilling God's mission for you?

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

PGK DANIEL A. DANIS 1939-2021



Past Grand Knight Daniel Danis went to his final reward on June 25, 2021. He served as Blessing Council Grand Knight during the 1975-76 Columbian Year. Last November, he marked 55 years as a Knight of Columbus having joined in 1965 and was an Honorary Life member. Brother Daniel was also a Fourth Degree Sir Knight in the Bishop Hendricken Assembly #1056. Brother Daniel was a communicant of Saints John and Paul Church. He also had a proud record of military service having served in the US Navy, US Army Reserve and retired as a Senior Master Sergeant in the US Air Force Reserve. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Joanna, three daughters, five grandchildren, and was predeceased by a granddaughter, brother, and sister.

WALTER F. McLAUGHLIN 1938-2021



Brother Walter McLaughlin went to his final reward on July 4, 2021. He had just marked his eighth year in our council and order on June 18, and last February had attained full Knighthood. He was the CEO of McLaughlin Automotive Stores from 1974 until his retirement in 2011. Brother Walter was a proud alumnus of LaSalle Academy having graduated there in 1957. LaSalle's athletic center is named "McLaughlin Athletic Center" in his honor. He was also a veteran of Rhode Island Air National Guard serving as a Sergeant Air Policeman in the 143rd Tactical Airlift Group in the early 60's. He was a communicant of Saints John and Paul. He is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Wanda.

FAITH IN ACTION



As Program Director, I presided over our quarterly Faith in Action meeting on July 1 where we planned our events for the new Fraternal year as follows:

FAITH – Director, Neil Fidler

- RSVP – Support of Seminarians
- Novena and possible Holy Hour for canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney (July/August 2021)
- Maintenance of Domestic Church Kiosks
- Holy Hour of Adoration (November 2021)

FAMILY – Director, William Jakabek

- Food for Families
- Consecration to the Holy Family (Christmas time)
- Good Friday Family Promotion (Lent 2022)
- Reinstitution of "Knight Out"

LIFE – Director, Paul Lemek

- Pregnancy Center Support
- Silver Rose Prayer Service (8/30 @ 6:30PM at OLG)
- Novena for Life (January 2022)
- Planned Parenthood Protest/Rosary Prayers during 40 Days for Life campaign

COMMUNITY – Director, John Pizzo

- Annual Car Show at SSJP (Proceeds for FJVD School)
- Funny4Funds Comedy Show (9/24)
- Coats for Kids
- Veterans Park Maintenance

Brothers, please consider signing up for the Faith, Community, Family or Life activities committees. These cannot be a committee of one as the directors need YOUR HELP! Thank you for all you do!

Paul Lemek
Program/Life Director

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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*