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**L.L.D., D.D., V.G.**

**RI State Chaplain 1913-1957**  
**Our Council's Namesake**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL  
DATE: SUNDAY, 8/22/2021  
TIME: AFTER 9AM MASS

### SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL  
DATE: MONDAY, 8/30/2021  
TIME: 6:30PM

### SEPTEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9/8/2021  
TIME: 7:00PM

### FJVD SCHOOL CAR SHOW

PLACE: FR. JOHN V. DOYLE SCHOOL  
DATE: SATURDAY, 9/11/2021  
TIME: 9:00AM

### SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 9/13/2021  
TIME: 7:30PM

### FUNNY4FUNDS COMEDY NIGHT

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: FRIDAY, 9/24/2021  
TIME: 7:30PM

## Grand Knight's Corner



My Brothers All,

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

During my second term as Grand Knight, my greatest goal is encouraging new and old members to become active in our programs and activities throughout the fraternal year. You can contact myself, other officers or program directors by phone or email at any time to sign up to volunteer. When I became a Knight in 2017, my main objective was to be active in Knights of Columbus programs and activities. Being active all these years has helped me to become a better Knight, and as your Grand Knight, to lead our council through the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Our Installation of Officers' mass will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church after the 9:00 am Mass. I urge all Brother Knights of our council to attend to show support for our newly elected officers.

The Faith in Action Zoom meeting was held July 1st to discuss council programs for this fraternal year. Our "Faith" program began July 26th with a Novena for Blessed Michael J. McGivney and ending August 5th. The Life Director along with our Worthy Chaplain has scheduled the Silver Rose Prayer Service on Monday, August 30th, 2021, at Our Lady of Good Counsel. These programs are available to all members and their families to grow our 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 our Worthy Membership Director Rob Brodeur know.

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

Join us Monday, August 9th at 7:30pm in person at SS John & Paul Parish Hall. The availability of online Zoom meeting may be possible at our next membership meeting.

Brothers, thank you for all the work you do!

God Bless & Vivat Jesus!

David Legault  
Grand Knight

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Meeting Place:

SS John and Paul Parish Center

**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

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**Warden**

Joseph Murphy

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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,

How fast the time is passing August is upon us, I pray that you and your families are having a good summer thus far. As Brother Knights this month, we will remember Blessed Michael J. McGivney and pray especially for him and to him on August 12th his birthday, and August 13th his inaugural Feast Day, and also on August 14th the day of his death. On those three days I would ask you to please pray the pray card that you all have received in the mail on those three days.

In August we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, where, as Queen of Heaven and Earth, she intercedes on our behalf.

On the 30th of August we will be having a celebration in honor of the Silver Rose at Our lady of Good Counsel church at 6:30pm. This is a very impressive service, if you and your family have never been to one, I encourage you to attend and learn more of the story of the Silver Rose.

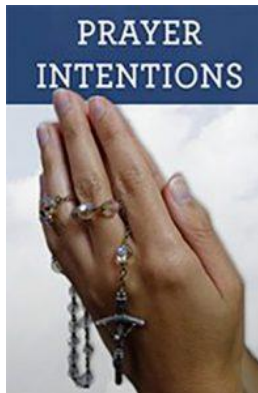
Please continue to pray the Rosary daily for the intentions of our Holy Father and the end of abortions. Strive to attend daily Mass, if possible, to be strengthen in Word and Sacrament. Finally pray for our school communities as they prepare to open schools at the end of the summer that they will have all safety precautions in place.

God bless and I hope that the rest of the summer is a restful and relaxing time for you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

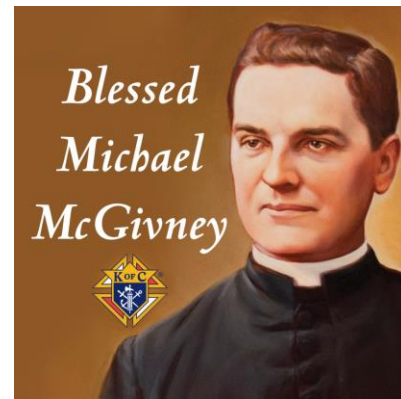
Father Paul Lemoi  
Chaplain

*"The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*  
— Romans 16:20



- 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
- 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

## **BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY FEAST DAY**



### **Inaugural Feast Day – August 13, 2021**

Having been raised to the honors of the altar, Blessed Michael McGivney has an annual feast day of Aug. 13, the day between his birthday (in 1852) and the day he passed into eternal life (in 1890). His cause has now entered the final phase toward canonization or sainthood. One more confirmed miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney is needed for him to be declared saint. Also, our council has conducted a Novena to Blessed Michael McGivney which will end on August 3.



Happy Birthday this month to the following Brother Knights:

Frank Laiter III (57)	August 1
Stephen Smith (28)	August 9
Bernard Bernatonis (84)	August 10
Raymond Byrnes (80)	August 10
Leodore Charpentier, Jr. (87)	August 14
James Sartell (72)	August 18
Joseph Lavoie (96)	August 20
James O'Connor, Jr. (71)	August 22
Mark Giolitti (60)	August 23
Steven Bailey (56)	August 24
Angel Ferrer, Jr. (71)	August 25
John Mulholland (86)	August 30

*"And the world, with all its disordered desires, is passing away. But whoever does the will of God remains forever."  
– 1 John:2-17*

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**SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE**

August 2021



And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant." (Gospel for Aug. 15, Lk 1:46-48)

Praying together brings families closer to God and closer to each other. When Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, the first thing they do is pray: Elizabeth declares a blessing that we repeat every time we say a Hail Mary, and Mary responds with a hymn of praise called the Magnificat. Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day we celebrate Aug. 13, came from a prayerful home, and because of his work to strengthen families, we call him the "apostle of Christian family life." May we seek to make our own homes places of prayer to strengthen our families and draw nearer to God.

**SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE**

**When: Monday, August 30, 2021, 6:30PM**

**Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel, West Warwick**

Our Lady of Good Counsel and Blessing Council will host the Silver Rose Prayer Service after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Please join us for a beautiful prayer service that has become a council tradition!

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month, I challenge you to pray every day as an individual or as a family, asking the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney to live in a more prayerful home, perhaps using the prayer for his canonization. Second, I challenge you to assist your council in the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night or Family Week program, incorporating devotions to Father McGivney into your efforts.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Do you maintain good and regular habits of prayer in your home? Where is there room for improvement in your family prayer life? What is one specific thing you could do to deepen your own prayer life?

*"Jesus gazed at them. 'By human resources', he told them, 'this is impossible; for God everything is possible.'"*  
— Matthew 19:26

**FATHER JOHN V. DOYLE SCHOOL CAR SHOW**

**When: Saturday, September 11, 2021, 9:00AM**  
**Where: Father John V. Doyle School, Coventry**

Blessing Council Knights will once again be front and center manning the grill and concessions during the FJVD School Car Show. Come on out and support Father John V. Doyle School while seeing some great-looking classic cars as well as taking part in different activities. All those activities are going to make you hungry, so be sure to partake in some tasty food prepared by your fellow Brother Knights!

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**When: Sunday, August 22, 2021, after 9AM Mass**  
**Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel, West Warwick**

Our new slate of officers will be formally installed in a ceremony to take place after 9AM Mass on Sunday, August 22, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Worthy District Deputy Michael Colvin will officiate the ceremony. All new officers should attend, and all Brother Knights and their families are encouraged to attend.

**FAITH IN ACTION**

"The Faith in Action model allows us to come together to share our faith, celebrate fraternity with our families, and do what we do best — stand shoulder to shoulder in service to our community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition." – From the K of C Faith in Action Guidebook.

With that in mind, please volunteer to help at or attend our Council's upcoming events:

**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 OLCG)
- 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

Thank you for all you do!

Paul Lemek  
 Program/Life Director

*"Seek out Yahweh, seek his strength, continually seek out his presence!" – 1 Chronicles 16:11*

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*"I seek Yahweh and he answers me, frees me from all my fears." – Psalms 34:4*