



THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



SEPTEMBER 2021



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
DATE: SUNDAY, 9/19/2021
TIME: 7:30PM

FUNNY4FUNDS COMEDY NIGHT

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

OCTOBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9/29/2021
TIME: 7:00PM

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 10/4/2021
TIME: 7:30PM

AWARDS AND DONATION NIGHT

PLACE: OLC CAFETERIA
DATE: TBD
TIME: TBD

Grand Knight's Corner



My Brothers All,

As we approach the change of seasons from Summer to Fall, let us enjoy the colors of the leaves changing and the smell of campfires with family and friends. Let us remember that God has provided all these wonderful things for us to share during this season. September begins a busy time for our council as we begin to hold fundraising events to support our various charities throughout the community.

The Faith in Action programs are well underway with events already completed including The Novena for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney, Silver Rose Prayer Service and most recently the annual Father John V. Doyle School Car Show. Kudos to all brothers that helped cook and serve food at the car show. Community Director John Pizzo and committee members showed what Knights are all about by giving their time to support this worthy cause. All proceeds will be given to Fr. John V. Doyle School. Our next fundraiser is Funny4Funds scheduled for Friday, September 24th at SS John and Paul Church Hall to support the Coat for Kids Drive for the four parishes given out during December.

Installation of Officers' ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at Our Lady of Good Council Church after the 9:00 am mass. All members and their families are welcome to show support for our newly elected officers for 2021-22 fraternal year. On a sad note, Warden, Joseph Murphy has resigned from his position due to medical reasons. If any Third Degree member wishes to fill the position please contact myself or any officer by phone, at the monthly meeting or any council event.

May this council strive to remain active and continue to provide services, spiritually and financially to our community and four churches that we support.

Let us continue to grow our membership, so if you know of a Catholic gentleman who would be interested becoming a member, please let an officer know.

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

Join us Monday, September 13th 7:30pm in person at SS John & Paul Parish Hall. The availability of Zoom meetings is provided for members unable to attend in person meetings. Brothers, thank you for all the work you do!

God Bless & Vivat Jesus!

David Legault
Grand Knight

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SS John and Paul Parish Center

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Patrick Kelly

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District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)

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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

Open

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,

As we begin the month of September, the summer months are behind us now, and I pray that they have been safe months for us all. Our Diocese has begun its 150th anniversary celebration. They are planning different events during the year. All parishes have received information about each event which will be placed in their bulletins. Please take time to read them.

September also means the starting of school in our areas. Be watchful of young ones waiting for the bus or walking to school in your area. Be mindful of speed limits in school zones.

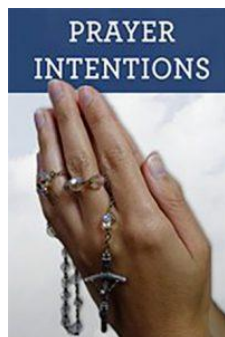
On September 11th, we will be remembering the tragic events which took place 20 years ago in our nation. Please remember all those who lost their lives that day. Continue to pray for their families. In a special way, please pray for all first responders, that God may protect them in their line of duty.

Please remember to pray the Rosary daily for the sanctity of all human life, and an end to abortions. Please get vaccinated if you are not, especially our young school children, and please wear a mask if you are not. If you do not feel safe in any given situation, always feel free to wear your mask. Please remember to always be safe not only for yourself, but for others. We are our brother's keeper.

May God's blessings always be upon 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
- 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
- Brother Jim Hall
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Savannah Brodeur
- Justin McGowan
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic



Happy Birthday this month to the following Brother Knights:

David Thatcher (65)	September 4
John Murray (70)	September 7
Bernard "Bo" Kenahan (90)	September 10
Joseph Larsh (50)	September 13
George McLaughlin (73)	September 14
Timothy Maynard (61)	September 17
Fr. Brendan Rowley (37)	September 20
Harold Trafford (87)	September 22
Hugh Fitzpatrick (85)	September 25

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

FUNNY4FUNDS COMEDY NIGHT!

COMEDY FUNDRAISER
Featuring Top Local Comedians
to benefit
**BLESSING COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
Friday, September 24, 2021
Saints John and Paul Parish Center
341 South Main St. | Coventry, RI 02816
Doors open at 7:00pm | Show starts at 8:00pm
**BYOS - BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS
CASH BAR (BEER & WINE)
RAFFLES, 50/50 DRAWING, PG SHOW**
Tickets \$20.00
For tickets, to donate, or sponsor, please visit
funny4funds.com/events
For more information, please contact
John Pizzo: (401) 623-1793

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE

September 2021



They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Gospel for Sept. 19, Mk 9:34-35)

Naturally, in every good undertaking — whether doing one's job, helping another, or playing a sport — we ought to strive for excellence, for greatness. But here, Jesus gives that thinking a twist: If we want to be great in the kingdom of heaven, we must embrace humility and become servants. We must not seek headlines, but rather give of ourselves for the sake of others, for the common good. My brothers, let us forgo seeking earthly glory in favor of being selfless "team players" in building the kingdom of heaven.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to watch the "Leadership" episode of the Into the Breach video series and use the study guide to reflect on what true humility and service look like. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Soccer Challenge or Free Throw Championship program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you seek personal glory at the expense of others? Do you put your gifts at the service of God and your neighbor, or do you use them primarily to achieve praise and gain in this life? What is one concrete act you can do to grow in humility and give of yourself to others?

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS NEW DATE

Where: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
When: Sunday, September 19 after 9AM Mass

Unfortunately, Tropical Storm Henri forced the postponement of our Installation of Officers ceremony. We will now be holding our installation ceremony on Sunday, September 19, after the 9AM Mass. The Worthy Grand Knight requests the presence of all officers at this ceremony. Also, all Brother Knights and families are invited to attend.

"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

Great job by Community Director John Pizzo and all Brother Knights who ran the concession stand and supported the Father John V. Doyle School Car show on Saturday, September 11.

From Brother John Pizzo: "Let me start by again saying thank you all so much today was a great success because of your efforts. The concession intake came to a \$1,319 amount and because of my OCD I put a dollar in to make it \$1,320. With that amount the Council gets paid back its \$240 for initial investment of food and \$100 made for change which leaves \$980 to donate to the Father John V. Doyle School."

Not a bad day's work! Here are a couple of photos from the day. Other photos have been posted to our Facebook page.



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 for canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney (July/August 2021) - COMPLETED
- Maintenance of Domestic Church Kiosks - ONGOING
- Marian Prayer Breakfast/Living Rosary (10/3)

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 - COMPLETED
- 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 - COMPLETED
- Funny4Funds Comedy Show (9/24)
- Coats for Kids (Nov-Dec)
- Veterans Park Maintenance - ONGOING

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

**SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH
August 30, 2021**



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