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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER OFFICERS MEETING

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

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

NOVEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 11/3/2021
TIME: 7:00PM

NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 11/8/2021
TIME: 7:30PM

AWARDS AND DONATION NIGHT

PLACE: OLC SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
DATE: SATURDAY, 11/20/2021
TIME: 7:00PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

The past few weeks our council celebrated several and exciting events that we should be proud of as active knights in this community.

On September 19th with the leadership of District Deputy Michael Colvin, District Warden Donald Lefebvre and Chaplin Fr. Lemoi an Annual Installation of Officers ceremony was celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church to bless the newly elected officers to remind them of their duties in order. They consist of shaping and building the character of their members in the love of God and neighbor by offering and conducting charitable programs which strengthen our churches and build up the domestic church.

Our council proudly received the Star Council Award from State Deputy, David Quinn at the district meeting on September 22nd at Saint Mary's Mission church for the unbelievable achievement for fraternal year 2020-2021. I'm extremely proud of all Brother Knights that helped us reach this amazing goal. I thank God for the council's success in Charity, Unity and Fraternity and to help us to continue God's work in our community and parishes to encourage catholic men to become Knights.

The Faith in Action Program is well underway for the year in all four categories with programs and events scheduled for the entire year. Recently the John V. Doyle School Car Show and Funny4 Funds events were a huge success raising funds for the school and our Coats for Kids Program in December. Many thanks to Community Director John Pizzo and Brother Knights who gave their time and skills to help our events be successful for the community we serve.

Clergy night is October 11th a night to show the appreciation of all clergy for the support and spiritual guidance they offer to all Knights of Columbus Councils. Officers including myself will attend this event to show our gratitude for all clergy especially our Chaplin, Fr. Lemoi who gives countless hours of support for this council. Our council has respectfully submitted the nomination letter for our Chaplin, Fr. Paul Lemoi to hopefully receive Chaplin of the Year.

Let us continue to grow our membership, so if you know of a Catholic gentleman that would be interested becoming a Knight of Columbus, 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, October 4th 7:30pm in person at SS John & Paul Parish Hall. The availability of Zoom meetings is provided for Brother Knights unable to attend in person meetings. 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

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 Corner

My Brother Knights,

We have just begun the Fall Season, and things are changing. The nights are colder, the days are mild, and the leaves of the trees are starting to change into the brilliant colors of fall. We become more aware of God's hand in all of creation.

October is the month dedicated to Respect for Life, and we also celebrate the month of the Most Holy Rosary. Praying it this month, we especially intercede to our Blessed Lady for the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. All life is sacred, and a gift from God.

During this month I would ask you to pray the Rosary daily for the sanctity of human life. If your parish has an evening of devotion to our Blessed Lady, I would ask that you try to attend it.

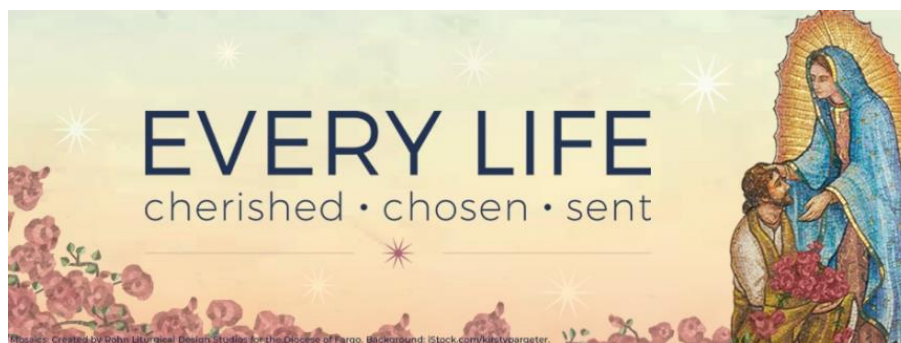
The next event of the 150th Anniversary of our Diocese will take place on the 16th of October. The day will begin with our Most Reverend Bishop's celebration of the Human Life Guild Mass at 9:30 AM in the Cathedral, and at 11:00 AM, there will be a presentation in the McVinney Auditorium by Gloria Purvis.

The month of October always end with the night of Halloween. Be careful of the little ones walking the streets of our towns.

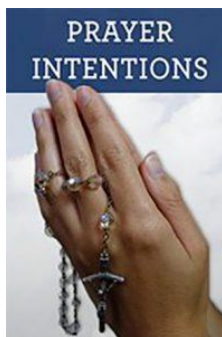
May our Blessed Lady watch over your families during this month.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi
Chaplain



"Faithful love is what people look for in a person; they prefer the poor to a liar." – Proverbs 19:22



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Father John "J.D." Duggan
- PSD/FDD/PFN/PGK James Kiley, Sr.
- 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

FUNNY4FUNDS COMEDY "KNIGHT"



When: Friday, September 24, 2021
Where: SS John and Paul Parish Center

What a fantastic 'knight' of comedy last night for our annual Funny4Funds "Coats for Kids" fundraiser and didn't we all deserve it after all we've been through the past year and a half! Three outstanding comedians made for tons of laughs! Along with receipts at the door, raffles, and bar receipts, we raised net \$4,235! Thanks to Ace "Vinegar" Aceto and the Funny4Funds crew as well as all our Brother Knights who made this happen, especially Community Director John Pizzo who organized it! Our most successful fundraiser in a long time!

FOOD FOR FAMILIES – NEED YOUR INPUT!!

"Food for Families" is the current Family Program that we are focused on right now. Now that we have final investment activity figures for our Council's Vanguard Wellington Fund, the Council's Financial team will soon determine where our annual donations will be focused. We will be donating \$500 to the Coventry Food Bank. Additionally, our Council is required to account for at least 100-man hours of member participation at any local Food Pantry, Food Bank, or Soup Kitchen. SO... IF ANY MEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN ONE OF THESE SERVICES, PLEASE LET ME KNOW THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND THE # OF HOURS THAT YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED, EACH AND EVERY TIME YOU DO SO DURING OUR CURRENT COLUMBIAN YEAR!!! MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS BIJAK53@GMAIL.COM.

- William Jakabek, Family Director

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." – Psalms 56:3

STAR COUNCIL!!!

Congratulations Blessing Council! You have earned Star Council for the 2020-21 Fraternal Year! Our Grand Knight David Legault was officially presented with our Star Council plaque by Rhode Island State Deputy David Quinn at the recent District 6 Meeting at St. Mary's Church. What a great accomplishment for our council, and it was earned during an unprecedented year that saw a global pandemic and unrest in the nation and around the globe. Well done Blessing Council!

**SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE****October 2021**

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'" (Gospel for Oct. 31, Mk 12:28b-30)

Among religions in the ancient world, Judaism stood out in its monotheism, the belief in one all-powerful God. The Greatest Commandment, which Christ gives us here, follows from this truth. The forces of Satan oppose God, but God is infinitely more powerful. The battle cry of St. Michael when he defeated Satan and his rebel angels was "Who is like unto God?" It is, of course, a rhetorical question. There is only one God; may we love him completely and totally.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to begin and end each day by praying the Prayer to St. Michael.

Questions for Reflection:

What does it mean — in concrete terms — to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength? Do you use the Lord's name in vain? Do you show proper reverence for God in your thoughts, words and actions each day?

"And the peace of God which is beyond our understanding will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."
Isaiah 42:21



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Arthur Lebrun (82)	October 3
David Tremblay (59)	October 3
Brian Smith (55)	October 4
Joseph Jarvis, Jr. (66)	October 6
Matthew Duska (57)	October 7
Robert Brodeur, Jr. (52)	October 7
James Kmon (38)	October 7
Donald Oat, Jr. (72)	October 15
Ryan Tremblay (34)	October 20
Fr. Jacek Ploch (41)	October 22
Alan Giroux (72)	October 23
Donat Lamoureux (85)	October 27
Patrick Ryan (27)	October 27
John Criscione (94)	October 29

AWARDS AND DONATION NIGHT



Where: Our Lady of Czestochowa School Gymnasium
When: Saturday, November 20, 2021 @ 7PM

After two years hiatus, we will be holding our Awards and Donations Night again this year. Please join us on Saturday, November 20, at 7PM as we present our annual donations to our worthy recipients and celebrating our top Brother Knights as they receive awards for outstanding service over the course of the past year. We will start the night off with a pasta and meatball dinner with salad, bread, dessert, soda and water. There will be no charge for the meal, but we will be accepting goodwill donations at the door. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, and the winning ticket will be drawn after presenting our donations.

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 - COMPLETED
- Coats for Kids (Nov-Dec) - COMPLETED
- Veterans Park Maintenance - ONGOING

Thank you for all you do!

*"May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all."
 – 2 Thessalonians 3:16*

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"Do what is right, to love loyalty and to walk humbly with God." – Micah 6:8

FATHER JOHN V. DOYLE SCHOOL CAR SHOW

Saturday, September 11, 2021



"And he said to him, 'I will give you all these, if you fall at my feet and do me homage.'" – Matthew 4:9