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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

CANCELLED

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: 6:30PM

DECEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 12/8/2021

TIME: 7:00PM

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER

DATE: MONDAY, 12/13/2021

TIME: 7:30PM

CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH OLGC

PLACE: CRANSTON COUNTRY CLUB

DATE: SATURDAY, 12/18/2021

TIME: TBD



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

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

The fall season is showing its true colors with the leaves changing and people enjoying the many outdoor activities with family and friends. November brings many significant days to focus on starting with All Souls Day, All Saints Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Advent. The most important Day we celebrate is November 28th, when Catholics begin Advent and the Christmas season leading up to Christmas Day, the birth of our Savior.

Events are planned for this month beginning with an online benefits seminar on Wednesday, November 3rd. I hope members take this opportunity to watch this free program to receive information to better secure their future needs. Our next event is Awards and Donations Night on Saturday, November 20th at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Cafeteria. Awards are presented to brother knights for their accomplishment during the year. Donations are given to all four parishes we serve and various organization that we selected at our financial meeting last month.

Veterans Day is November 11th when we give thanks to all brave service men and women who have served our country to keep this nation free for future generations. I thank all Brother Knights that served and continue to serve our country to keep us safe.

The first new format Exemplification Ceremony on October 4th at SS John and Paul Church was held with the leadership of Financial Secretary Neil Fidler and the entire degree team performing the ceremony with a great success. New member, Dennis Belanger successfully joined via online zoom during the ceremony. Second degree knights, Richard Legault and Peter Blais reached third degree status. These members obtained full knighthood in the council and are eligible to service as officers when a position is vacant or during yearly elections. Brother Richard Legault has accepted the vacant Warden position at our last meeting. 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.

Carolyn and I hope you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving! Please pray for peace in our country during this trying time and for an end to this pandemic.

Join us Monday, November 8th 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. God Bless & Vivat Jesus!

David Legault
Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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David Legault

Financial Secretary

Neil Fidler

Deputy Grand Knight

Brian Mattias

Chancellor

Anthony Machado

Warden

Richard Legault

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,

Brothers we begin this month celebrating the gift of the Saints, whom we often intercede to for guidance and protection. Also, this is a month of remembrance as we remember those whose live journey has ended, remembering the gift of Resurrection, as one the prefaces of Mass states: "Life is changed not ended." We also begin to see the hand of our creator God as the colors of fall appear. This month also brings us into the time of waiting and preparation for the great Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We have begun what is known in society as the Holiday Season, I pray that you do not rush into the season but take time each day to reflect on what you and your families are grateful for and on Thanksgiving Day attend Mass bringing your praise to the Lord for the many gifts He has blessed your with.

Brothers, continue to pray the Rosary daily for the sanctity and dignity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Be mindful of reaching out to those in need especially as the colder weather begin to come upon us.

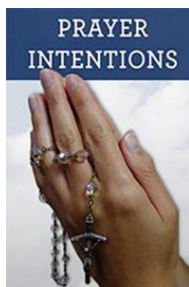
Vivat Jesus!

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. (recently deceased)
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK/FN Paul Lemek
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer William Jakabek
- 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

PSD/FDD/PFN/PGK JAMES J. KILEY 1927 - 2021



With heavy hearts, we said farewell to Past State Deputy James Kiley, Sr., as he went to his final reward. He is with his beloved wife Angie now.

Brother Jim was a charter member of Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council and was its second Grand Knight having served in the capacity during the 1963-64 Columbian Year. He also served as the council's Financial Secretary for many years. He also served as a Faithful Navigator, District Deputy and was the only Brother Knight from Blessing Council to serve as Rhode Island State Deputy during the 1990-91 Columbian Year.

Brother Jim was also a US Navy veteran of World War II serving as a Yeoman. Just after the war ended, he served on Admiral William "Bull" Halsey's staff prior to receiving his Honorable Discharge. He was very active in Coventry town politics as a longtime member of the Coventry Democratic Party.

On a personal note, he was a great friend and mentor to me as he lives on the next street over in my neighborhood. We went to many a "Knight Out" together, and during my term as Squires Chief Counselor, he came to many of our PawSox baseball games at McCoy Stadium. He was very supportive of our Squires Circle. I will truly miss Brother Jim.

The photo above is Past State Deputy James Gilcreast (left) presenting Brother Jim with a plaque commemorating his 50 years as a Knight of Columbus back in 2014.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield, in him my heart trusts. I have been helped; my body has recovered its vigor; with all my heart I thank him." – Psalms 28:7

COW CHIP BINGO!

Brother Knights from our council assisted with the Saints John and Paul Snowflake Bazaar by building a pen for the cow chip bingo. A special thanks to Brothers Jerry McEvoy, Richard Legault and PGK Paul Lemek for all their help and hard work. It was a real success as no cows escaped.

**SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE****November 2021**

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Gospel for Nov. 7, Mk 12:43-44)

"Give until it hurts" might seem like a tired old cliché, but it has merit nonetheless. It's fairly easy to give from our excess — what we don't really need — but real sacrifice begins when we go beyond that. The widow in the parable, in giving what to many people would be a bit of loose change, offered a more meaningful gift than the wealthy who donated far larger sums they would hardly miss. But there's another layer of meaning here: Unlike the wealthy, the widow gave everything she had to God and put her trust completely in his divine providence. May we recognize that she made the wiser investment.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to review your charitable giving and to pray about whether God is asking you to contribute something more. Second, I challenge you to participate in your council's Food for Families or Coats for Kids Faith in Action program.

Questions for Reflection:

How does God wish you to balance providing for yourself and your family with serving others? Do you find you put your trust in material goods and wealth, rather than in God? What are some specific, concrete ways you might do better at sharing your blessings with the less fortunate?

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his face and bring you peace." - Numbers 6:24-26



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Neil Fidler (59)	November 1
David Legault (62)	November 4
Richard Masterson (75)	November 5
Fr. Peter Sheehan (57)	November 7
Frank Laiter, Jr (81)	November 8
Brian Mattias (51)	November 8
Todd Delehant (53)	November 10
David Tanski (41)	November 14
Mark Trainor (65)	November 15
Richard Belanger (88)	November 21

AWARDS AND DONATION NIGHT



Where: Our Lady of Czestochowa School Gymnasium
When: Saturday, November 20, 2021 @ 6:30PM

After two years hiatus, we will be holding our Awards and Donations Night again this year. Please join us on Saturday, November 20, at 6:30PM 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 EVENTS FOR 2021-22



Special note from Family Director Bill Jakabek: The next Family Program that is coming up is "The Consecration to the Holy Family". This feast is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas, so this year it will fall on Sunday, December 26th, 2021. This is a great time to revitalize our Parishes by urging Parish Families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. More info will be shared with us as we get closer to the date.

FAITH – Director, Neil Fidler

- RSVP – Support of Seminarians (November 2021)
- 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) - COMPLETED

FAMILY – Director, William Jakabek

- Food for Families (November 2021)
- Consecration to the Holy Family (Christmas time)
- Good Friday Family Promotion (Lent 2022)
- Reinstitution of "Knight Out" (Starting Oct 2021)

LIFE – Director, Paul Lemek

- Pregnancy Center Support (November 2021)
- 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)
- Veterans Park Maintenance - ONGOING

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His faithful love lasts forever!" – 1 Chronicles 16:34

OCTOBER "KNIGHT" OUT
Braza Brazilian BBQ, Friday, September 24, 2021



"I am continually thanking God about you, for the grace of God which you have been given in Christ Jesus"
— 1 Corinthians 1:4