

A Blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas!



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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
DATE: TUESDAY, 12/7/2021 (TENTATIVE)
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: 5:30PM (SEE FLYER ON PAGE 6)

JANUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1/5/2022
TIME: 7:00PM

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 1/10/2022
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 Advent season is upon us bringing everyone closer to the true meaning of Christmas. We celebrated the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 8th which states that the Virgin Mary was free of original sin from the moment of conception. The next few weeks gives us time to prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus, our Savior and King. In this season of giving may we find it in our hearts to share with those in need during this Christmas season.

Our council continues to participate in the ROVAC collection to help the local veterans in the state. These donations will provide a happier holiday season for our Rhode Island veterans. Donations can be dropped off at the grand knight's residence, 132 Pawtuxet Terrace West Warwick (cell 401-595-2893). Deadline for donations is Friday, December 10th. Thank you for your support!

Two new format Exemplification Ceremonies on October 4th and December 1st presented by our degree team have proven successful in increasing membership. Our recent new member, Bryan Legault who is the son of warden, Richard Legault received full knighthood in the council. Since the beginning of this fraternal year, we gained three new members with several prospects soon. 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.

The next Faith in Action. Family Program event is planned for December 26th to celebrate The Consecration to The Holy Family. This is a great time to devote ourselves to the ideal model of family love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Carolyn and I hope you and your families have a blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas!

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

Join us Monday, December 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.

Vivat Jesus!
David Legault
Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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Rev. Paul Lemoi

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David Legault

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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



My Brother Knights,

Chaplain's Corner

Advent is a time to wait in expectation of the Savior's coming. Our Advent wreaths are in our Churches. The four candles represent Love, Hope, Joy and Peace the gifts we seek from the Christ Child. December can feel short or long depending on the weather. The days can pass swiftly or slowly depending on oneself. Advent calls us to slow down and reflect as we prepare our mind and heart to celebrate anew once again the birth of our Savior.

On December 8th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, born without the stain of Original Sin, we prepare for her birth to be the mother of our Savior. December the 12th falls on the third Sunday of Advent, therefore, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not celebrated. We can still reflect and celebrate in our minds and hearts this great Feast.

Take time this Advent Season with your family to reflect and prepare your minds and hearts to once again to celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Savior. On December 26th as a Church we will be celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family. We will be asking the families of our parish communities to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. As Knights we are called to help strengthen and revitalize our own families but also our Parish family. Let us encourage one another to look to the Holy Family as the one true model of familial love and to intercede to them to guide and protect our families in the New Year ahead.

May you all have a blessed Advent Season. May the grace of the Christ Child we await be upon you and your families during the upcoming Holy Days and may it remain with you throughout the New Year.

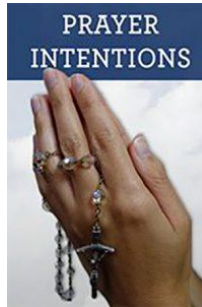
Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi

Chaplain

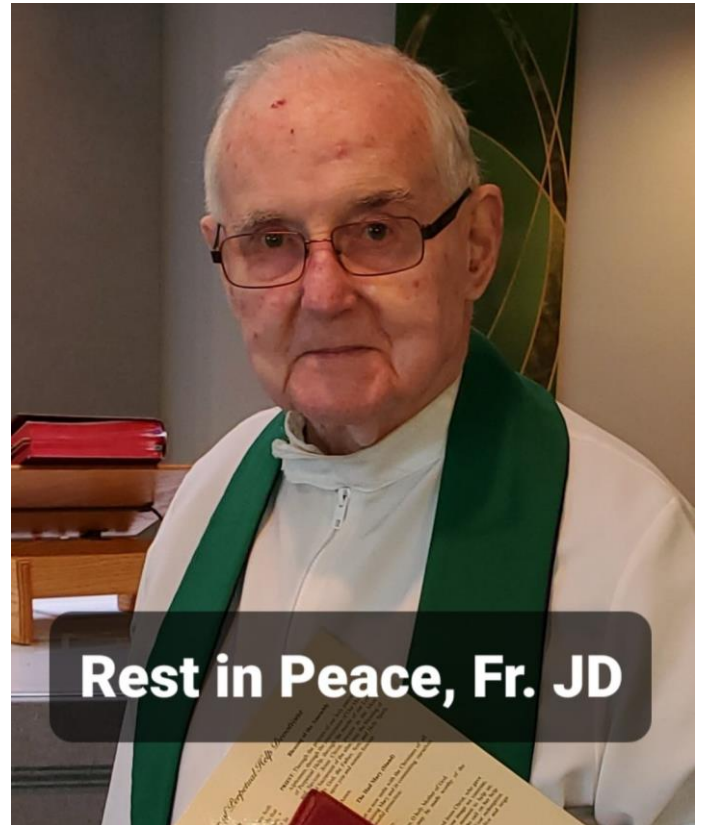


“So, Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee for Judaea, to David's town called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.”
– Luke 2:4-5



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Father John "J.D." Duggan (recently deceased)
- PSD/FDD/PFN/PGK James Kiley, Sr. (recently deceased)
- PSD/FVSM Saverio Giusti (recently deceased)
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK Michael DeAngelis, Jr. (recently deceased)
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer William Jakabek
- Brother Frederick Haibon (recently deceased)
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- 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
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

FATHER JOHN "J.D." DUGGAN 1932 - 2021



With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to Father John "J.D." Duggan who went to his final reward. Father JD was a Brother Knight in our council and has been a member of the order since April 1975. Father JD's hometown was Kilkenny, Ireland, and he loved mentioning that another famous son of Kilkenny was Bishop Thomas Hendricken who, as we know, was the first bishop of the Diocese of Providence, but was also a mentor to the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney during his tenure as a pastor in Father McGivney's hometown of Waterbury, Connecticut. Father JD was also the Chaplain of the Pittsburgh Steelers during the 1970's when the team won four Super Bowls and is considered one of the greatest teams of all time. God bless Father JD. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

"Look! the virgin is with child and will give birth to a son whom they will call Immanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.'" – Matthew 1:23

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST KNIGHTS!

Blessing Council's Degree Team has been very busy as of late conducting two exemplification ceremonies for Charity, Unity and Fraternity the past few months. In doing so, has welcomed our two newest Knights to the council. Those Brother Knights are our Worthy Warden Richard Legault (pictured right above), who achieved Full Knighthood during the ceremony on Monday, October 4, and his son Bryan Legault (pictured middle above) who achieved Full Knighthood during the ceremony on Wednesday, December 1. Brother Richard is the brother of Grand Knight David Legault (pictured left above) and Brother Bryan is his nephew. Also, another new Brother Knight joined us in the October ceremony via Zoom, Dennis Belanger (not pictured), who is the nephew of Past Grand Knight Dick Belanger. So welcome aboard to Brothers Richard, Bryan and Dennis! For Blessing Council, joining the Knights has become a family affair!

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE**November 2021**

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" (Gospel for Dec. 5, Lk 3:3-4) The preaching of John the Baptist reminds us what Advent is all about: turning away from sin and preparing for the coming of the Lord. It's all too easy to get sidetracked or distracted by Christmas shopping and parties and fail to prepare spiritually for Christ's coming. My brothers, let us truly prepare our hearts this Advent — and help our families do the same — so that we might fully and fruitfully celebrate Christ's birth.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to prayerfully incorporate both an Advent calendar and Advent wreath into your Christmas preparations. Second, I challenge you to undertake the Keep Christ in Christmas Faith in Action program.

Questions for Reflection:

How can you avoid getting excessively distracted by your work obligations or holiday stress during the weeks of Advent? What can you do to set aside time for prayer, confession and other spiritual preparations for Christmas? How can you lead your family in staying focused on the true spirit of the coming Christmas feast?

"The Lord will give you a sign in any case: It is this: the young woman is with child and will give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

David Brodeur (58)	December 3
Kenneth Jackson (75)	December 5
Russell Maxwell (62)	December 6
Skip Wendoloski (77)	December 7
John Cook (55)	December 15
Russell Michael (90)	December 17
Paul Trainor (58)	December 20
David Simonelli (67)	December 22
Guy Lasorsa (59)	December 25
Robert Champagne (86)	December 28
Fr. Robert Forcier (64)	December 30

FREDERICK W. HAIBON

1931 - 2021



Brother Fred Haibon went to his final reward on Thursday, November 18. Brother Fred joined our order and our council in December 1992. He was also a Fourth Degree Sir Knight with Father Wallace Assembly. He was a US Navy veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and an auxiliary policeman with the Coventry Police Department. Brother Dick Belanger mentioned that he was the best at selling raffle tickets for the State Council. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

FAITH IN ACTION EVENTS FOR 2021-22



FAITH – Director, Neil Fidler

- RSVP – Support of Seminarians (November 2021) - COMPLETED
- 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” (Started Oct 2021)

LIFE – Director, Paul Lemek

- Pregnancy Center Support (November 2021) - COMPLETED
- Silver Rose Prayer Service - COMPLETED
- Novena for Life (January 2022)
- Planned Parenthood Protest/Rosary Prayers during 40 Days for Life campaign

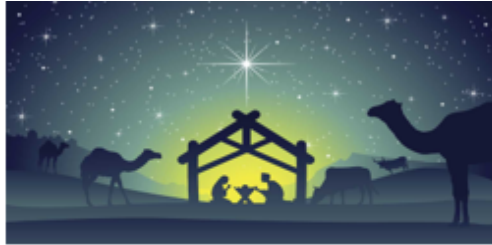
COMMUNITY – Director, John Pizzo

- Annual Car Show at SSJP - COMPLETED
- Funny4Funds Comedy Show - COMPLETED
- Coats for Kids (Nov-Dec) – IN PROCESS
- Veterans Park Maintenance - ONGOING

Thank you for all you do!

Paul Lemek
Program/Life Director

“And the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.'” – Luke 2:11



Msgr. Peter E. Blessing KofC Council #5273
and ...

Our Lady of Good Council Parish are having a joint

Christmas Party!!!

Please join us for comradery, good food, and Christmas Cheer on
Saturday, December 18th, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.
Cranston Country Club
69 Burlingame Rd., Cranston, RI

Family Style Menu:

Soup, Salad, Pasta, Chicken, Vegetable & Dessert
(Cash Bar will be available)

Tickets are \$30 per Adult, \$15 per Child ages 6 - 12
(Includes gratuity)

There will be several major items for raffle ...

LG 55" Flat Screen Smart TV, and a Christmas Treasure Chest filled with
Gift Cards for Restaurants, Markets, Lottery Tickets, Gas, etc.

To reserve Party Tickets, please RSVP to Bill Jakabek via cell phone at
401-269-9811, or via email at biljak53@gmail.com. I will need your full
name, and the total number of people in your party. I will also need the
names of any children between the ages of 6-12, as we will be providing
them with a small gift that evening.

* **RSVP, and payment must be received no later than December 8th, 2021.**

**Make Checks Payable to "Our Lady of Good Council Church" and remit
Payment to Bill Jakabek - 159 Princeton Ave. - Coventry, RI 02816**

*"but each must give what he can, in proportion to the blessing which Yahweh your God has bestowed on you."
— Deuteronomy 16:17*

AWARDS AND DONATION BANQUET

Our Lady of Czenstochowa School Gym, Saturday, November 20, 2021

More photos of the banquet at coventryknights.org/activities.htm



"Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad! Let the sea thunder, and all it holds!" – Psalms 96:11