

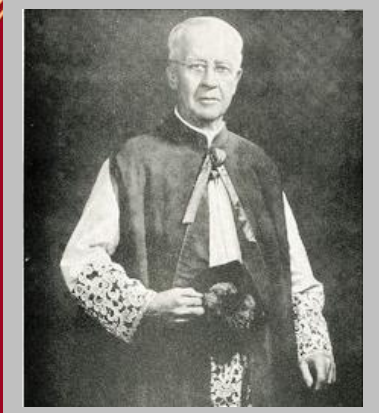


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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
 Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5/4/2022
 TIME: 7:00PM

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
 DATE: MONDAY, 5/9/2022
 TIME: 7:00PM

KANDI DRIVE - OLGC

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
 DATE: WEEKEND OF 5/14-15/2022
 TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

KANDI DRIVE - OLC/SVP

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA AND
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
 DATE: WEEKEND OF 5/21-22/2022
 TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

KANDI DRIVE - SSJP

PLACE: SS JOHN AND PAUL
 DATE: WEEKEND OF 6/4-5/2022
 TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

JUNE OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6/8/2022
 TIME: 7:00PM

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
 DATE: MONDAY, 6/13/2022
 TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

May in New England brings out beautiful colors in all of nature that God has provided for all to enjoy. We as Catholics can also grow our faith by the many deeds we share with those in need during this difficult time. We celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8th to recognize the measurable contributions of mothers in building the lives of their children. The last Monday in May we celebrate Memorial Day, an American holiday honoring the men and women who died while serving in the military. These individuals gave their lives for the freedom we share today.

The Faith in Action programs are complete for this calendar year which ends June 30th. Program Director, Paul Lemek with the assistance of the Faith, Family and Community Directors accomplished the requirements to receive the Columbian award once again. Their dedication and talents reached beyond the goals needed for the award. Also, for the second year, our council attended the recommended zoom seminars for the Founder's award. Our final goal before the end of the fraternal year is reaching Star Council. We only need three new members from the Delta Church Drive scheduled in the coming weeks at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church. Let us finish the year strong and show that we remain an active council. Let us continue to grow our membership, so if you know of Catholic gentlemen that would be interested in becoming a member, please contact an officer or myself.

The Candy Drive schedule for all four churches is set beginning May 14 & 15 at Our Lady of Good Counsel, May 21 & 22 at Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St Vincent de Paul and June 4 & 5 at SS John and Paul. Volunteers are needed for all parishes after masses to support this fundraiser for people with disabilities.

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

Join us Monday May 9th, 2022, at 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.

Thank you, brothers, for all the work you do. Carolyn and I would like to wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!
 David Legault, Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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Paul Lemek

**Brother Knights,**

Chaplain's Corner

April showers bring May flowers as the saying goes. We are about halfway through the Easter season in the month of May as we celebrate Our Blessed Mother Mary. Some may remember the crowning ceremonies that we held in our younger days. Some parishes still might have that tradition. Many parishes have gatherings to pray the Rosary and honor Mary in other ways. Please take time to attend some of the events honoring Mary.

May also means graduations are beginning to take place for those in higher education institution. Congratulations to all those starting a new part of their journey of life. Other schools will begin the countdown to the end of another year. Hopefully children will begin to have a normal type of summer vacation.

We pray that our Blessed Lady intercede to her Son for peace between Ukraine and Russia. That there will be an end to the brutality of war. That the people of Ukraine may continue to hope that one day they may return back to their homes. May we pray for all those who have lost their lives in this conflict. May they know the peace of God's kingdom.

Brothers, continue to strive to attend daily Mass and pray the Rosary daily for the unborn, for an end to abortions not only in our own state and our Nation but in the whole world.

Vivat Jesus!!
Father Paul Lemoi
Chaplain



May

The Month Of Mary

“May Yahweh our God be with us, as He was with our ancestors; may He never desert us or cast us off.”
 – 1 Kings 8:57



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Our Seminarians Patrick Ryan and Nicholas Whitaker
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Rob Brodeur
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denomme
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Keith Parent
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Jim Hall
- Brother Eugene Rossetti (recently deceased)
- Deacon Robert Persson (recently deceased)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Diane Burke
- Mary Lawlor
- Roberta Soucy
- Alice Kane
- Lori Bullock
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Eric Thatcher
- Savannah Brodeur
- John Dolan
- Rick Wittig
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

John Izzo (87)	May 1
Matthew McGuire (50)	May 3
James Hall (61)	May 6
Thomas Noel (82)	May 7
Deacon Walter Foster (77)	May 9
Charles Tamuleviz (65)	May 15
Edgar Brouillard (90)	May 19
John Ball (90)	May 23
Matthew Parent (29)	May 23
Nicholas Parent (29)	May 23
Ronald DeLalla (76)	May 30

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION



On this past Good Friday, we completed the "Good Friday Family Promotion" Program. With the completion of this event at all 4 of our associate Churches, we have completed all of the Family Programs that we had focused on and have therefore satisfied the "Family" annual goal with regard to this year's Columbian Award.

Bill Jakabek
Family Director

“Deceit is in the heart of the schemer, joy with those who give counsels of peace.” – Proverbs 12:20

FAITH IN ACTION EVENTS FOR 2021-22



As we have achieved the Columbian Award completing all required activities for the 2021-22 Fraternal Year, we're going to keep the ball rolling into the 2022-23 Fraternal Year. I will be scheduling a meeting this month with the respective Directors to set an agenda for the upcoming Fraternal year as to what events we will be planning.

Thank you for all you do!

Paul Lemek
Program/Life Director

THE PATRIOTIC (FOURTH) DEGREE



If you know of any 3rd Degree Member in good standing that is interested in becoming a Patriotic (Fourth) Degree member of the Wallace Assembly, please contact Faithful Navigator Paul Lemek at 401-999-5480 or email at palemek@cox.net.

Current Patriotic Degree Sir Knights are encouraged to join the Assembly Color Corps. Father Wallace Assembly will give \$250 towards a new uniform. Additionally, Blessing Council will contribute \$150. Our Color Corps are the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

Paul Lemek, Faithful Navigator, Father Wallace Assembly

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE

May 2022



“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (Gospel for May 8, Jn 10:27)

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and the Church is his flock. But are you a good sheep? Do you hear his voice as he calls, teaches, and leads you? If we want to follow the Shepherd and not become lost, we must know him well and listen intently. We come to know him most intimately through prayer, the Eucharist, Scripture, and good spiritual reading. My brother Knights, let us continually listen to Christ's voice so we can follow him ever more closely wherever he leads us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to pray the rosary every day and meditate intently on its mysteries to know Jesus better and become ever more attuned to his voice. Second, during this month of Mary, I challenge you to join your council in holding the Faith in Action Rosary program.

Questions for Reflection: Do you regularly make time to pray? Do you sometimes just go through the motions in prayer or at Mass, not really listening to what Christ is saying to you? What personal habits could you adopt in order to make your prayer life more focused, receptive, and fruitful?

“Let us love, then, because He first loved us” – 1 John 4:19

IT'S A BOY!



Welcome to the world, Jamie Cameron Prytula, grandson of Worthy Grand Knight David and Carolyn Legault. Jamie was born on April 29 and weighed in at 5 lbs. even. Both mother and baby are doing well.

MEMORIAL DAY 2022



2022 KANDI DRIVE



Brothers, we will be conducting our first KANDI Drive since 2019. As we have previously, we will be conducting the drive at all four parishes that we serve directly after each of the Masses. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming KANDI Drive as follows:

- Our Lady of Good Counsel – Weekend of May 14-15
- St. Vincent de Paul/Our Lady of Czenstochowa – Weekend of May 21-22
- Saints John and Paul – Weekend of June 4-5

Our Pastors have given their permission to conduct our drive. We will need all the help we can get. Sign-up sheets for the OLC/SVP and SSJP Drives will be at the May membership meeting, and sign-up sheets for the other drives will be at the May membership meeting. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and benefits people with disabilities. Thank you!



“So it is proof of God's own love for us, that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.” – Romans 5:8