



# THE BLESSING WORD

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MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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**RI State Chaplain 1913-1957**  
Our Council's Namesake

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **KANDI DRIVE - SSJP**

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

### **KANDI DRIVE - OLC/SVP**

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA AND  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
DATE: WEEKEND OF 6/11-12/2022  
TIME: AFTER ALL MASSES

### **DELTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - OLC**

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA  
DATE: WEEKEND OF 6/11-12/2022  
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

### **JULY OFFICERS MEETING**

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

### **JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 7/11/2022  
TIME: 7:30PM



## **Grand Knight's Corner**

My Brothers All,

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

June has arrived and my final month as Grand Knight of this council that I proudly served will end for another brother to take over the leadership role. For the past two years mostly during the pandemic many adjustments were needed to accomplish our goals helping the council to receive Star Council last year and the Columbian Award two years in a row.

Deputy Grand Knight, Brian Mattias has graciously accepted the position as grand knight for the next fraternal year. Let's give him the same support I received during my term as your leader. Brian has always responded when I needed him.

My last task this month is to have a successful Delta Church Drive on the weekend of June 11 & 12 at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church. We only need three new members to receive the Star Council Award and I'm determined to reach our goal to finish my term as grand knight in a positive manner.

Many thanks to all brothers of this council that helped with the many activities we provided to the parishes we serve. Your support in the Faith in Action programs and membership drives shows the reason we remain an active council.

I never dreamed these past two years as Grand Knight would be this rewarding fraternally and spiritually. Again, thank you brothers for supporting my goals to keep the council strong.

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 June 13th, 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.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!  
David Legault  
Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center



**Supreme Knight**

Patrick Kelly

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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**

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



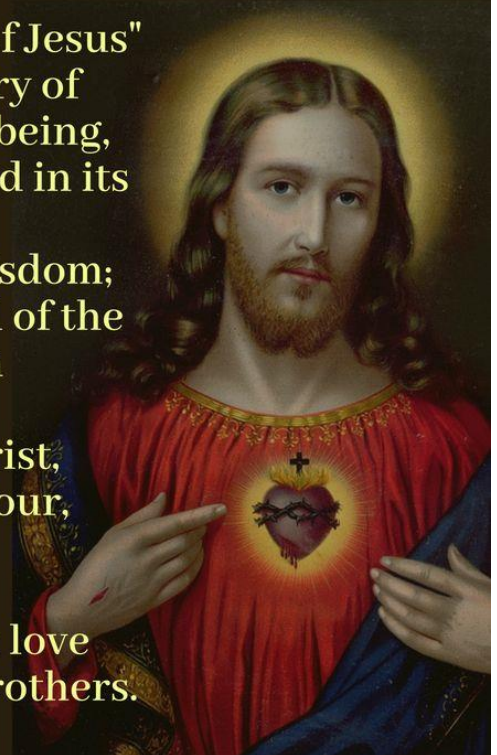
## Chaplain's Corner

No report this month

### Month of the Sacred Heart

The term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation & sanctification of mankind.

The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Saviour, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father & for his brothers.



*"If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love."— John 15:10*



- 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 Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Keith Parent (recently deceased)
- 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



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Fr. Christopher Mahar (52)	June 2
Michael Emmett (68)	June 6
David Manfredi (69)	June 8
Ryan Switzer (49)	June 8
Roger Cyr (74)	June 13
James Kiley, Jr. (69)	June 13
Peter Blais (65)	June 15
Dennis Belanger, Jr. (34)	June 15
Stanley Jendzejec (88)	June 16
Edward Rice III (52)	June 17
Cornelius Fitton, Jr. (79)	June 24
Vincent Rinaldi (91)	June 28
Mark Ulman (30)	June 30

### PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2022-23

The Nominating Committee will be recommending the following slate of officers for the 2022-23 Fraternal Year.

The Council will vote on the new officers in the June meeting:

Grand Knight	Brian Mattias
Deputy Grand Knight	Richard Legault
Chancellor	John Pizzo
Warden	Peter Blais
Treasurer	William Jakabek
Recorder	Jerry McEvoy
Advocate	Patrick Hurley
Inside Guard	James Hall
Outside Guard	Stephen Kukulka
Trustee, First Year	Frank Laiter III
Trustee, Second Year	Paul Lemek
Trustee, Third Year	David Legault

Brother Knights who wish to run for any office may do put their name forward at the June meeting when the Financial Secretary asks for counter nominations. At that time, an election will be held.

*“After saying this, what can we add? If God is for us, who can be against us?” – Romans 8:31*



**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 held a meeting to discuss our Faith in Action schedule for the coming Fraternal Year. More to come!

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](mailto: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**

June 2022



**"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."  
(Gospel for June 5, Jn 14:15)**

Scripture makes it clear that actions speak louder than words. If we truly love Christ, we will act accordingly, living according to his commandments and the moral teachings of his Church. And we will do so remembering his commandment that we "love one another as I love you" (Jn 15:12). My brothers, let us recall that Jesus shows a particular love and care for the poor, the sick and the less fortunate in society, and resolve to do likewise with our actions as a sign of our love for him.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E.**

**Lori:** This month, I challenge you to show your love for Christ by serving the poor and needy in a concrete, tangible way. Second, I challenge you to keep the commandment to love one another by participating in the Faith in Action Global Wheelchair Mission program, Habitat for Humanity program or Helping Hands program.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Do you truly love God? Does this love show in how you live and how you treat others? With family and other loved ones, do your "actions speak louder than words" in revealing your love for them?

*"And so glory be to God our Father, for ever and ever. Amen." – Philippians 4:20*



### **BROTHER KEITH A. PARENT** **1958-2022**



Sir Knight Keith A. Parent went to his final reward on the morning on May 10, 2022, after being in poor health the past few years.

Brother Keith joined the Knights in July 2008, obtained full Knighthood in March 2009 and became a Fourth Degree Sir Knight in December 2009. Past Grand Knight Tom Del Mastro recruited Brother Keith into the Order as his sons Nick and Matt were Columbian Squires at the time, and he was impressed with the fact that the Knights and Squires were welcoming of his son Matt who is confined to a wheelchair. Brother Keith also became a Counselor in the Father Leo Ancil Circle #5211 and served in that position until both his sons became Brother Knights in 2012. Brother Keith was also the last President of the Coventry Columbus Club serving in that position when the Council Hall was sold in 2011. Prior to the sale, the Council Hall roof collapsed during a heavy snowstorm, and Brother Keith was instrumental in obtaining the necessary repairs for a new roof.

Many Brother Knights and former Squires will remember Keith and his sons as always active in the Knights, attending many functions and taking part in activities up until Brother Keith's health started to deteriorate.

Here is a photo of Brother Keith and his son, Matt, who is also a Fourth Degree Sir Knight. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sir Knight Keith Parent and for his family at the time of their grief.

### **2022 KANDI DRIVE**



Brothers, our KANDI Drive continues into June as follows:

- Saints John and Paul – Weekend of June 4-5
- St. Vincent de Paul/Our Lady of Czenstochowa – Weekend of June 11-12

Our KANDI Drive at Our Lady of Good Counsel was very successful as the generous parishioners of that church donated a total of \$487 over two Masses. Thanks very much to our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul Lemoi for his permission in allowing us to conduct our drive there.

For SSJP we have a full roster of Brother Knights to help. Currently we have no Brother Knights signed up for our drive at OLC and SVP. Please consider signing up.



*“Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine” – Ephesians 3:20*