



# THE BLESSING WORD

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Our Council's Namesake

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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

### AUGUST OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8/3/2022  
TIME: 7:00PM

### AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 8/8/2022  
TIME: 7:30PM

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**Meeting Place:**

**SS John and Paul Parish Center**



## Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

First off, I am humbled to serve as Grand Knight of our Council. I shall endeavor to spend my term attempting to be worthy of the title 'Worthy'!

Last Wednesday June 22, we added three new Brother Knights - Devin Favino (grandson of Brother Earl Mahar), Timothy Laiter and Walter Williams at our first Exemplification Ceremony at OLC. Please join me in welcoming our new Brothers!

On behalf of all of us, I wish to extend our collective gratitude to our Immediate Past Grand Knight David Legault for his outstanding leadership, especially while navigating us through an unforeseen global pandemic. In his first message, his goals included: increasing membership, family activities, donations to Mother of Life, Meeting Street, Food for Families, etc. Not only were those goals realized, but at Brother David's insistence, we had our first in-person Awards Night in years, which was a resounding success...AND we surpassed Columbian status achieving Star Council two years in a row! As Worthy FS Neil remarked, "Considering we have received Star Council twice during a pandemic is incredible!" So, a heartfelt 'Thank You' to Brother David from all of us!!

I also wish to thank our Worthy FS Neil for keeping 5273 'state-of-the-art' by immediately getting our meetings online when we couldn't meet in person. A new tradition has begun, so thank you Brother Neil! Thanks, and best wishes to all of our officers who are remaining on board, or who have assumed new leadership roles.

Looking ahead to our future, my goals include:

- Increasing the visibility of our Council. We need to let people know who we are and that we're active through any and all means available...wearing K of C shirts, etc.
- Continuing to earn the Founder's Award, Columbian Award and Star Council
- Meeting the impending financial challenges with fundraisers
- Increasing membership and getting ALL Knights involved. If you're a new Knight, please don't hesitate to ask an Officer how you can help. "Many hands make light work!"

I don't imagine anyone thought Roe vs. Wade would ever be overturned, but it happened. Moments after the decision came out, I heard a non-Catholic talk show host remark, "I don't care who you are... you should be thanking those faithful members of the Catholic church that have stood for 50 years...they really led the way on this." Conversely, a prominent 'Catholic' Senator said, "This cruel ruling is outrageous and heart-wrenching." She also used the term "radical extremists" referring to her pro-life counterparts. We should all pray for the safety of our justices and for our country!

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**Supreme Knight**

Patrick Kelly

**RI State Deputy**

David Bebyn

**District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)**

Joseph Burns

**Insurance Agent**

Jim Davis

**Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council  
Officers:**

**Chaplain**

Rev. Paul Lemoi

**Grand Knight**

Brian Mattias

**Financial Secretary**

Neil Fidler

**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

**Lecturer**

Edgar Brouillard

**One Year Trustee**

Frank Laiter III

**Two Year Trustee**

Paul Lemek

**Three Year Trustee**

David Legault



## Chaplain's Corner

No report this month



*"How blessed the nation whose God is Yahweh, the people he has chosen as his heritage."—Psalms 33:12*



### PRAYER INTENTIONS



- 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
- PGK Harold Trafford
- IPGK David Legault
- Brother Anthony Machado
- Brother Rob Brodeur
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Jim Hall
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Diane Burke
- Mary Lawlor
- Roberta Soucy
- Lori Bullock
- Michelle Legault
- Eric Thatcher
- John Dolan
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Cyril Dubrachek (97)	July 1
Paul Lemek (72)	July 6
Joseph Murphy (61)	July 9
Lee Rossetti (64)	July 14
John Ludka (62)	July 15
Walter Williams (73)	July 18
Thomas Carroccia (66)	July 23
Alexander Cote (30)	July 28
Michael Laiter (56)	July 30

### **GRAND KNIGHT CORNER (Cont.)**

Please continue to send prayers for our former Chancellor Tony Machado as he, his family, and his dear friend our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Paul continue to deal with his emotional cancer battle. Finally, please pray that God guide me and our Council Officers throughout our new Columbian year.

Vivat Jesus!

Brian Mattias  
Grand Knight



*"ow this Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." – 2 Corinthians 3:17*

**FAITH IN ACTION EVENTS FOR 2021-22**

**Faith in Action:** I will be holding a meeting sometime in late July or early August to discuss moving forward in the Faith in Action event calendar.

**Life:** We should all be grateful that Almighty God has answered our prayers of the abolishment of Roe v. Wade. Let's keep praying to protect life from conception to natural death.

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**



**"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." (Gospel for July 31, Lk 12:20-21)** We may know the dates of countless upcoming appointments on our calendars, but we don't know the date and time of one of the most important events of our lives: death. The end of our lives could come slowly or suddenly. How can we plan for that? Jesus urges us to seek to be "rich in what matters to God." Our earthly life is only temporary; may we keep our true focus on the next life, knowing that our real and lasting treasure can be found in heaven alone.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month, I challenge you to demonstrate what you truly treasure by making at least a brief visit — even just a few moments — to the Blessed Sacrament every day. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Holy Hour program.

**Questions for Reflection:**

What do you treasure most? What is it that "matters to God"? Do you seek to be "rich in what matters to God"?

*"You are slaves of no one except God, so behave like free people, and never use your freedom as a cover for wickedness." — Peter 2:16*



**2022 KANDI DRIVE!!!**

Our KANDI Drive for 2022 was extremely successful! For the first time since 2019, we were able to conduct our KANDI Drive in person at all four churches that we serve. A heartfelt thank you to Father Paul Lemoi, Father Jacek Ploch and Father Michael Woolley for granting us their permission to conduct our drive at their churches. Thank you also to the very generous parishioners of those parishes and lastly a thank you to every Brother Knight from our council who participated in the drive.

We collected a grand total of \$2,717 over the course of three weekends. The breakdown from the individual parishes is: Our Lady of Good Counsel \$487, SS John and Paul \$1,318, Our Lady of Czenstochowa \$525 and St. Vincent de Paul \$387. All monies collected will go to special needs charities. Well done Blessing Council!



*“Christ set us free, so that we should remain free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be fastened again to the yoke of slavery.” – Galatians 5:1*



**WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS!!!**

The Blessing Council hosted an Exemplification Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church on Wednesday, June 22. We welcomed our newest Brother Knights to the Order. Brothers Devin Favino, Warren Williams and Timothy Laiter obtained Full Knighthood which enabled our council to achieve Star Council for the 2021-22 Fraternal Year. The Exemplification Ceremony honoree was our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul Lemoi. Welcome aboard Brothers!

*"You will come to know the truth, and the truth will set you free." – John 8:32*