



# THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 11/9/2022  
TIME: 7:00 PM

### NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM  
DATE: MONDAY, 11/14/2022  
TIME: 7:30 PM

### FUNNY4FUNDS COMEDY NIGHT

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: FRIDAY, 11/18/2022  
TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM, SHOW STARTS AT 8 PM

### DECEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 12/7/2022  
TIME: 7:00 PM

### DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM  
DATE: MONDAY, 12/12/2022  
TIME: 7:30 PM

### CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH OLGC

PLACE: CRANSTON COUNTRY CLUB  
DATE: SATURDAY, 12/17/2022  
TIME: 5:30 PM

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Meeting Place:

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Meeting Room  
445 Washington Street, Coventry



## Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All!

This past month, my wife and I took our girls to the American Institute of Organbuilders convention in Atlantic City, NJ. Among other fun events, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to get a 'backstage tour' of the two largest pipe organs in the world. To give you some idea, the Boardwalk Hall organ has over 33,000 pipes and is almost 5 ½ times larger than the organ at our own Cathedral in Providence! Truly remarkable. The best part about the week was meeting with old friends, most of whom have only had the opportunity to watch our girls grow up on Facebook. It was the first time seeing these folks since before COVID, so definitely a blessing for us all.

Our Funny4Funds is fast approaching on November 18! Don't wait for someone to ask for volunteer opportunities – send an officer an email and please help however you can. These events don't run themselves, gentlemen!

Fun family trips aside, life has been (and continues to be) upside-down for many of us. Now more than ever, I'm sure we all appreciate the personal value of being Knights as the economy and culture continue to present many challenges that seem to defy reality. At our most recent member meeting, I mentioned that my own business is closing due to COVID. A bigger complication of that closing is that our shop building is being sold. Rather than sending a bunch of valuable items into a landfill, if any of my Brother Knights are interested in tools, wood, work benches, office supplies, etc, please contact me ASAP as everything must go by the end of December. You can visit to see what we have. One brother of our council has already removed an anvil and other stuff. The address is 520 Oaklawn Ave, Cranston. It's not far past where Zaccagnini's used to be.

While I love jumping in to help other people with pretty much anything, I'm horrible about asking anyone for help with my stuff. But this is an exception. We were engaged in pipe organ maintenance for 97 years, so our 'collection of stuff' is quite diverse. If you can help save some of it, that would be fantastic. Email [bamattias@gmail.com](mailto:bamattias@gmail.com); call or text 401-477-4144. Thank you!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Brian Mattias

Grand Knight

**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**

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Edgar Brouillard

**One Year Trustee**

Frank Laiter III

**Two Year Trustee**

Paul Lemek

**Three Year Trustee**

David Legault



## Chaplain's Corner

### Brother Knights!

We begin this month of November with the great Feast of All Saints. Not only do we call to mind some of the great Saints of the Church but also, we are reminded that we, too, are called to holiness in our lives. We also begin this month with remembering All Souls Day, when we pray for the souls of our departed loved ones and friends.

The leaves are falling, the day light is getting shorter, and the cold weather is just around the corner. Also, this month gives us a day of giving thanks for the many gifts we have received from our God. But, in reality, that is what we are to do every day when we attend Eucharist or in our daily prayers.

Continue to pray the Rosary daily for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, that our society will come to recognize the preciousness of life.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi

Chaplain



*"Yes, Yahweh did great deeds for us, and we were overjoyed."—Psalms 126:3*



## Prayer Intentions



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve
- Transitional Deacon Patrick Ryan and Seminarian Nicholas Whitaker
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK Harold Trafford
- IPGK David Legault
- Brother Bernard Bernatonis (recently deceased)
- Brother Anthony Machado
- Brother Rob Brodeur
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Jim Hall
- Brother Joseph Murphy
- Brother Jaroslaw Lewkowski
- Brother Frank Laiter, Jr.
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Shirley Laiter
- Sue Rossetti
- Diane Burke
- Mary Lawlor
- Roberta Soucy
- Lori Bullock
- Michelle Legault
- Nancy Blais
- Eric Thatcher
- Andrew Whitaker
- John Dolan
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn
- All who are suffering from war in Ukraine



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Neil Fidler (60)	November 1
David Legault (63)	November 4
Fr. Peter Sheehan (58)	November 7
Frank Laiter, Jr. (82)	November 8
Brian Mattias (52)	November 8
David Tanski (42)	November 14
Mark Trainor (66)	November 15
Richard Belanger (89)	November 21

### ANNUAL DUES REMINDER!

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL *Annual Dues*

As we're coming to the end of the calendar year, it is time to remind you that notices will be sent in mid-December for annual dues. This year, the council voted to increase the amount of annual dues from \$25 to \$30. Annual dues must be paid by January 31, 2023. Brothers, as you know, inflation is driving the price of everything up, and dues are no exception. The council has certain expenses it must pay every year, and your dues help to do that. Honorary members will continue to pay \$10 a year, and Honorary Life are exempt from annual dues. If you have any questions at all concerning your annual dues, please contact Financial Secretary Neil Fidler by phone at 401-632-7922 or by email at Narragansett55@gmail.com.

*"And for all things give thanks; this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:18*



**CHANGE OF VENUE**

Starting this month, the venue for Blessing Council Officers and Membership Meetings will now be the Our Lady of Czenstochowa Meeting Room. This is the building to the far left in the photo above and looking from Washington St. (117). The address for our new venue is 445 Washington Street in Coventry.

**THE PATRIOTIC (FOURTH) DEGREE**

The Wallace Assembly 4th Degree will be holding a Memorial Mass at Saints John and Paul Church for all deceased members of Father Wallace Assembly over the last fraternal year. The Mass will be held Thursday, November 10, at 7 PM. Many of the deceased were from the Blessing Council.

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

**CHRISTMAS PARTY w/ OLGC**

**Where:** Cranston Country Club  
**When:** 5:30 PM - Saturday, December 17, 2022



Our Council will be joining our Worthy Chaplain Father Paul Lemoi and his great parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish for their annual Christmas Party to take place on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at the Cranston Country Club. Details about costs and other items pertaining to the party will be discussed at the November Membership Meeting and will be sent out via email if you can't make the meeting. The Cranston Country Club has done a wonderful job with our past Christmas parties so hope you can make this one.

**"FUNNY4FUNDS" COMEDY FUNDRAISER**

**Where:** SS John and Paul Parish Center  
**When:** 7:00 PM - Friday, November 18, 2022



Our annual Funny4Funds Comedy Show to benefit our Coats for Kids program will take place on Friday, November 18. Doors open at 7 PM and the show starts at 8 PM. Tickets are \$20 online and \$25 at the door. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and your support will be greatly appreciated! The flyer for the event is on page 5 of this newsletter and has all the details.

*"Thank God, then, for giving us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord." – 1 Corinthians 15:57*





# COMEDY FUNDRAISER

*Featuring Top Local Comedians To Benefit*

## **BLESSING COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS**

**Friday, November 18, 2022**

**Saints John and Paul Parish Center**

341 South Main Street | Coventry, RI 02816

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**Doors open at 7:00pm | Show starts at 8:00pm**

**BYOS - Bring Your Own Snacks • Cash Bar (beer/wine)**

**Raffles, 50/50 Drawing • 18+ Event PG Show**

**Tickets \$20.00**

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For tickets, to donate, or sponsor, please visit

[www.funny4funds.com/events](http://www.funny4funds.com/events)

For more information, please contact

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**SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE**  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**  
**Monday, October 24, 2022**

