

Wishing you a blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas!



THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JANUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1/4/2023
TIME: 7:00 PM

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
DATE: MONDAY, 1/9/2023
TIME: 7:30 PM

INTO THE BREACH

PLACE: ZOOM MEETING
DATE: THURSDAYS 1/12-3/30/2023
TIME: 7:00 PM

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Meeting Place:

Our Lady of Czenstochowa Meeting Room
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Grand Knight's Corner

Seasons Greetings, Brothers -

Why is it that the First Sunday of Advent ALWAYS seems to creep up on me out of nowhere? Each year, I feel as if we're just settling into the fall season and BOOM!! – Advent's here. It started when I was in college in Boston. I would come home every weekend to play the weekend Masses at OLC. I remember thinking to myself, "Didn't I just put the Christmas music away??" As we grow older, I believe we become more and more aware of the meaning of "tempus fugit"!

I totally understand that it's not easy to 'make time' during Advent to focus on Christmas preparation in the spiritual sense. We all have long to-do lists including: school musicals, house cleaning, Christmas shopping, food shopping, tree finding, card sending, decorating, wrapping, chorus concerts, work, kids activities, parties, etc., etc....all pulling us in a hundred different directions. (I got tired just typing it all!) With all of that clutter going on, some of you still have businesses to run, and a few of us have liturgical preparations to make because we attend every Christmas Mass – not just one. The distractions can be overwhelming. But I'm doing my best to try to find some quiet time and listen to what God is trying to tell me. Not easy... but I'm trying. I pray you're giving it your best shot as well.

As I'm typing this, my wife and girls are at the table doing other work. My wife just asked, "What's the best Christmas present you ever received?" After thinking of a few nifty items, I recalled the best gift ever. In 2018, Brian Moffitt (from SVP) covered the 8AM Christmas Mass at OLC for me. It was the first Christmas morning I spent at home in 30 years! Until then, I had never been able to enjoy Christmas morning like a 'normal' dad. By the time my girls would get out of bed, I'd usually only have about 30-45 minutes with them before I'd have to run out the door to play 8AM Mass. I still played the 11AM that year, but those 3 hours with my girls were WAY better than the usual 30 minutes on the most exciting morning of the year for any family! I'll be forever grateful for that gift of time.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our Funny4Funds was a success and as a result, we'll be able to provide Coats for Kids in need!! Thanks to all Brother Knights and family members who helped with planning, setup, donations, tickets, bartending, etc. The Christmas Party is on Saturday December 17. An email went out on Nov. 28 with all the details.

Heather-Rose, Alana, Kira & I wish all of you a very blessed Merry Christmas!!
God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Brian Mattias
Grand Knight

Supreme Knight

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Chaplain's Corner

Brother Knights!

December is upon us, and the days seem shorter and the nights longer. Advent is upon us also as we continue our life's journey to the kingdom of our God. A time of reflection and a time of hope. The Advent scriptural readings offer us a challenge for our journey, stay awake and make ready the way of the Lord.

Celebrating the Advent season gives us a chance to slow down the busyness of our daily life's journey. It gives us a new sense of Hope in the coming of the Lord. As we get closer to the celebrating the joy of Christmas, we have to remind ourselves that it is not just a one-day celebration but the beginning of a beautiful season celebrating the Son of God that came in the flesh to live among us. Emmanuel, God is with us!

Remember to pray the Rosary daily for the dignity of all human life from birth to natural death. I will hold you and your families in prayer at my Christmas Midnight liturgy. May your homes be blessed with the presence of the Christ Child and may He bless your families with peace and joy in the New Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi
Chaplain



"The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh."— Matthew 2:10-11

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.
- Brother Chester "Skip" Wendoloski
- Lucien Laporte
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Shirley Laiter
- Sue Rossetti
- Diane Burke
- Mary Lawlor
- Michel Brouillard
- Roberta Soucy
- Lori Bullock
- Michelle Legault
- Nancy Blais
- Eric Thatcher
- Andrew Whitaker
- Ellen Deck
- John Dolan
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn
- All who are suffering from war in Ukraine



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

David Brodeur (59)	December 3
Kenneth Jackson (76)	December 5
Russell Maxwell (63)	December 6
Chester Wendoloski (78)	December 7
John Cook (56)	December 15
Russell Michael (91)	December 17
Paul Trainor (59)	December 20
David Simonelli (68)	December 22
Guy Lasorsa (60)	December 25
Robert Champagne (87)	December 28
Michael Bothelho (68)	December 30
Fr. Robert Forcier (65)	December 30

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 all at once with the angel there was a great throng of the hosts of heaven, praising God with the words: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favors." – Luke 2:13-14

BERNARD G. "BO" KENAHAN (1931-2022)

Brother Bernard "Bo" Kenahan went to his final reward on Friday, November 25, 2022. Brother Bo was very active in our council attending all meetings and lending a hand at numerous activities especially the FJVD Car Show. Brother Bo was a US Army combat veteran of the Korean War and a member of various veterans and other fraternal organizations in Rhode Island. He was a Saints John and Paul Parishioner. He joined the order and our council in March of 2017. Brother Bo was also a Fourth Degree Sir Knight of the Father Wallace Assembly #1055. Please pray for the repose of Brother Bo's soul and for his entire family.

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

This year's Funny4Funds Comedy Show to benefit our Coats for Kids program was a great success! We had three hilarious comedians (four counting our host Ace!), successful raffles (Father Jacek won again!) and we raised a grand total of \$3,200 which we have already started using to purchase brand new winter jackets for families in need. Can't wait until next year's event!

"For a son has been born for us, a son has been given to us, and dominion has been laid on his shoulders; and this is the name he has been given, 'Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace'" – Isaiah 9:5

**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 17th, 2022, 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 and a 50/50 ...

**To reserve Party Tickets, please RSVP as soon as possible 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 12th, 2022. Make Checks Payable to “Our Lady
of Good Council Church” and remit Payment ASAP to Bill
Jakabek – 159 Princeton Ave. – Coventry, RI 02816**

****Tickets can also be purchased in person at our December
Members Monthly Meeting held on December 12th, 2022 at
Our Lady of Czenstochowa
Parish Hall which is located right next to the OLC Church
(on the left).**

FUNNY4FUNDS COMEDY NIGHT

Saints John and Paul Parish Center

Friday, November 18, 2022

