

# THE BLESSING WORD



Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 Knights of Columbus



## Grand Knight's Corner

BRIAN MATTIAS, GRAND KNIGHT

My Brothers all!

I'm typing this message from Front Royal, VA, where I'm assisting with the installation of a new pipe organ for Christendom College. It's quite a bit of work, but very satisfying for the soul. The organ is more than twice the size of the new organ at OLC in Coventry (same builder) and its home is a brand-new chapel that is absolutely massive! I'm blessed to be part of this project. This beautiful instrument will inspire many people to give glory to God for generations.

The college posted a 52-second video of when the organ was delivered. It's at the bottom of this page: <https://www.christendom.edu/2023/02/03/organ-installation-begins-in-new-chapel/> Check my Facebook page for a bunch of pictures as well.

In Knights news, Brother Brian Lawlor attended the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. and sent this wonderful, encouraging report that you should all hear: "The March for Life was well attended, and the speeches were outstanding. In my mind about same size crowd we get each year but with a new message to bring our message of Life for all born and Unborn to all states elected officials asap."

It was a great event to be part of the Knights of Columbus, as we handed out LOVE LIFE/ CHOOSE LIFE SIGNS with poles and blue March for Life stocking hats with Knights of Columbus emblems to over 1000 participants!! It was great to see so many attendees happy to carry the posters and thank the Knights.

OTHER GREAT PART WAS that I estimate that over 75% of the participants were less than 30 years old, which gives me great hope for the future of a world without abortion...and they call themselves the Post Roe generation."

Finally, I ask all of you to consider joining our Council's 'Into the Breach' program on Thursday nights. You watch a 10-minute video and then join the Zoom meeting for about an hour. YOU'RE NOT TOO BUSY FOR THIS! Believe me – I wrote the book on being "too busy", and I'm still doing it...even while working out of town. It's a great series on how to become a better man, Catholic, Brother Knight, father & husband. I certainly need all of that – and isn't that why we all joined the Knights in the first place? Please join us.

Vivat Jesus!

## Upcoming Events

### February Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Wednesday, 2/8/2023  
Time: 7:00 PM

### February Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Monday, 2/13/2023  
Time: 7:30 PM

### Into the Breach

Place: Zoom Meeting  
Date: Thursdays 1/26-4/17/2023  
Time: 7:00 PM

### March Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Wednesday, 3/8/2023  
Time: 7:00 PM

### Awards and Donation Banquet

Place: OLC School Gymnasium  
Date: Saturday, 3/11/2023  
Time: 6:30 PM

### March Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room  
Date: Monday, 3/13/2023  
Time: 7:30 PM

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MEETING PLACE:  
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445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY



## Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No message this month.

## Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

February 2023 Challenge



**"But I say to you, do not swear at all .... Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."** (Gospel for Feb. 12, Mt 5:34a, 37)

Jesus here decries casual oaths that offend God, but all sorts of deceitful, blasphemous or obscene language is frequently heard in our society today. Taking the Lord's name in vain — or misusing our gift of speech in other ways — has become commonplace. Showing respect for God is fundamental to the Christian life and doing so in our speech is a pivotal place to start. Let's speak plainly and keep our speech pure and true to honor God.

### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to mindfully practice curbing your tongue, particularly avoiding taking the Lord's name in vain. Second, I challenge you to seek to grow in your respect for God as a Catholic man by participating in the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

### Questions for Reflection:

Do you pay much attention to what you say and how you say it? Do you notice what you hear around you, whether from the people in your life or from media you consume? What are some specific ways you can try to avoid speech that fails to show respect for God?

## February - Month of the Holy Family



## Prayer Intentions

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin, Evans and Henning
- The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve
- Transitional Deacon Patrick Ryan
- Seminarian Nicholas Whitaker
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK Harold Trafford
- IPGK David Legault
- Brother Anthony Machado
- Brother Cyril Dubrachek (recently deceased)
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Jim Hall
- Brother Jaroslaw Lewkowski
- Brother Frank Laiter, Jr.
- Brother Chester "Skip" Wendoloski
- Lucien Laporte
- Lucille Ferrer
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Shirley Laiter
- Sue Rossetti
- Doris Legault
- Diane Burke
- Mary Lawlor
- Michel Brouillard
- Roberta Soucy
- Lori Bullock
- Michelle Legault
- Nancy Blais
- Eric Thatcher
- Andrew Whitaker (recently deceased)
- Ellen Deck
- Barry Smith
- John Dolan
- Joe Rossi III
- Thomas Senerchia
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn
- All who are suffering from war in Ukraine







## February Birthdays

Victor Moffitt (73)	February 2
Jerry McEvoy (72)	February 3
John Folloni (90)	February 5
Raymond Piccirilli (72)	February 6
David Florio (67)	February 6
Robert Kenahan (88)	February 8
Dr. Douglas DeCubellis (51)	February 14
John Connor (76)	February 15
Timothy Laiter (52)	February 23
Father Paul Lemoi (74)	February 25
Brian Lawlor (72)	February 26



## The Patriotic (Fourth) Degree

PAUL LEMEK, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR,  
FATHER WALLACE ASSEMBLY #1055



Brother Sir Knights of the Father Wallace Assembly Color Corps took part in the Holy Mass of Reception on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul welcoming Bishop Richard Henning as the Coadjutor Bishop of Providence. Upon Bishop Tobin's retirement in the near future, Bishop Henning will then assume the duties of Bishop of the Diocese.

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.

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## PGK Cyril Dubrachek

1925-2022

Brother and Sir Knight Cyril Dubrachek who went to his final reward on August 30 of last year in his home of Deltona, Florida. He was 97.

Brother Cyril joined the order and our council in November 1967. He served as Grand Knight of our council during the Fraternal Year 1985-86. He was also a fourth degree Sir Knight with Bishop John Neumann Assembly #1930. Brother Cyril was also a US Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He was originally from the Scranton, Pennsylvania, area and moved here after being stationed at Quonset Point during the war. He moved to Florida after retirement.

Please pray for the repose of Brother Cyril's soul and for his family.



## Family Activities

BILL JAKABEK, FAMILY DIRECTOR

We completed the "Consecration to the Holy Family" and "Food for Families" initiatives. The latter was highlighted by a \$500 anonymous donation from a Brother Knight from our Council, and over 316 volunteer hours (only needed 100) by several Blessing Council Brothers, and their wives. A hearty shout out to all that worked the St. Vincent dePaul Society's Elder Food Delivery and Grab'n Go at OLC Church in Coventry. Next up is the "Preparation for Good Friday" initiative. Also, we are hoping to have a "Knights Night Out" on March 1st ... details will follow shortly.

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## Life Activities

PAUL LEMEK, LIFE DIRECTOR



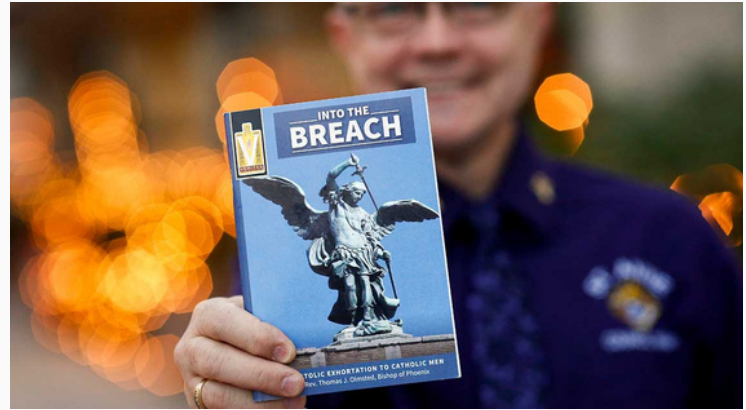
My appreciation to all Brother Knights in this council who took part in the various Pro-Life activities during the January Pro-Life Month. A special shout-out to Brother Brian Lawlor who took part in the National March for Life in Washington, DC. His photos are featured on the last page of this newsletter.

Also, our Council conducted a Novena for Life in January via email. Thank you to all the Brother Knights who participated in that very important activity!

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## Faith Activities

NEIL FIDLER, FAITH DIRECTOR



I've had to postpone the Into the Breach program a couple of weeks so now the 12 episodes will be presented on a weekly basis on Thursdays starting on Thursday, January 26, and ending on Thursday, April 17, via Zoom meeting. Prior to each session, we will view each video, and during the session, discuss the topic using the Into the Breach study guide. We will try to keep these sessions to an hour as best we can. Schedule as follows:

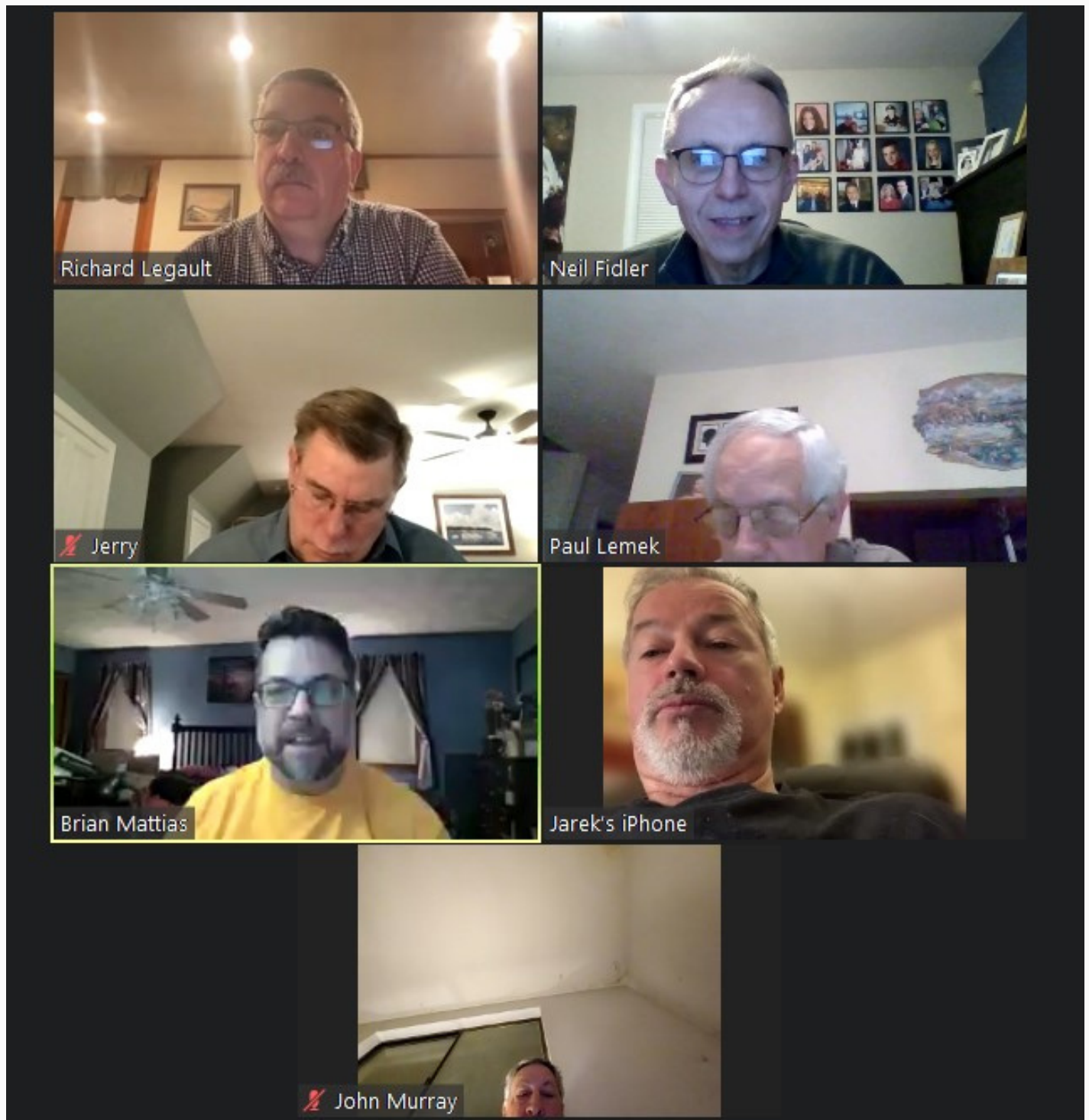
- January 26 – Masculinity
- February 2 – Brotherhood
- February 9 – Leadership
- February 16 – Fatherhood
- February 23 – Family
- March 2 – Life
- March 9 – Prayer
- March 16 – Suffering
- March 23 – Sacramental Life
- March 29 – Spiritual Warfare
- April 5 – Evangelization
- April 17 – The Cornerstone

These sessions are all voluntary, and all are welcome! I will be sending out emails for each session so feel free to join us!

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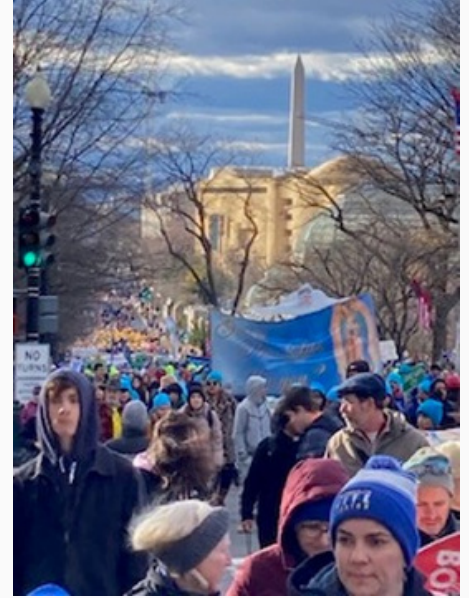
# INTO THE BREACH ONLINE



Here's a screen capture from our first Into the Breach session on Masculinity held on Thursday, January 26. These are some great sessions, Brothers, and as the Grand Knight points out in his GK Message this month, it only involves a little over an hour of your time a week. It is well worth it! Join us!



## MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC



Thanks to Brother Brian Lawlor for these photos of the National March for Life which he attended in Washington DC on January 20, 2023.

