

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Grand Knight's Corner

WILLIAM JAKABEK, GRAND KNIGHT



My Brothers all!

Well, we're into the month of December ... "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" Thanks for that great Christmas song by Andy Williams!!!

From a Faith perspective ...

Sunday, December 1st, marks the start of the Advent season ... Giving us all four weeks to reflect upon hope, peace, joy and love. It's a great opportunity to jump deeper into our faith by increasing our awareness of God's presence in our lives, and by cultivating our faith's spirit, our gratefulness, and our generosity. We can all joyfully anticipate the coming birth of our Lord.

Sunday, December 8th, we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Mother of our Lord, and the Mother of all mankind.

Wednesday, December 25th, we celebrate Christmas ... the birthday of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I'll take this opportunity wish all Blessing Council Brother Knights, their families, and their friends, the merriest, safest, and most blessed Christmas ever.

Sunday, December 29th, we celebrate the Feast of the Consecration to the Holy Family. Please be on the watch for emails from me, and for future announcements in your Parish Bulletins as our Council will be providing guidance to ways to prepare our families for consecrating themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. Our Council will also provide each Parish with a special prayer and will ask each Pastor to recite this prayer at each of their Masses on the feast day.

From a Council perspective ...

Saturday, December 21st ... Once again, and for the final time, we will celebrate Christmas together at the Our Lady of Good Council & Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Christmas Dinner Party. It will take place at the Cranston Country Club at 5:30pm. Please refer to the Party Flyer which I have emailed to all Brother Knights recently.

As always, I want to thank all Members that routinely participate in Council events and Programs for their hard work, their creativity, and their enthusiasm. You make this Council powerful, and successful!!!! I invite all members to attend our Monthly Meetings, participate, and experience the absolute joy of FRATERNITY!

Lastly ... Again, I want to wish all of you, and your families a blessed, safe, most enjoyable, and blessed Christmas!!!

Vivat Jesus!
Bill Jakabek - Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

December Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 12/4/2024
Time: 7:00 PM

Mass - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Place: SS John and Paul Church
Date: Monday, 12/9/2024
Time: 7:00 PM
Collation in Parish Center to follow

Men of St. Joseph - COR Meeting

Place: SSJP Rectory Chapel/Conf. Room
Date: Thursday, 12/19/2024
Time: 6:30 PM

Christmas Party with Our Lady of Good Counsel

Place: Cranston Country Club
Date: Saturday, 12/21/2024
Time: 5:30 PM

January Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Parish House
Date: Wednesday, 1/8/2025
Time: 7:00 PM

January Membership Meeting

Place: OLC School Gym
Date: Monday, 1/13/2025
Time: 7:30 PM

Men of St. Joseph - COR Meeting

Place: SSJP Rectory Chapel/Conf. Room
Date: Thursday, 1/23/2025
Time: 6:30 PM

Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Holy Hour

Place: SSJP Rectory Chapel
Date: Every Thursday
Time 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Note: Sign in book at entrance

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Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No message this month.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

December 2024 Challenge

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Gospel for Dec. 1, Lk 21:36)

To remain watchful is a frequent exhortation of Jesus, for we do not know when the end will come. For most people, their end will come at the moment of their death. We trust in God’s grace, but grace requires our response: We must not grow lax and presume we have plenty of time to repent. We must pursue holiness and seek God’s will at all times so that we stand ready to meet him at any time.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I challenge you to meditate on the poor shepherds who watched over their flocks on the night he was born and identify one way you can better incorporate watchfulness into your own life.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you maintain a practice of daily prayer, regular examination of conscience and frequent confession, or do you sometimes grow spiritually lazy? Do you commit yourself to steady growth in holiness and virtue as preparation for the final judgment? Do you teach and encourage your loved ones to do the same?



Prayer Intentions

Our Holy Father Pope Francis
 Bishop Henning
 The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve
 All Bishops and Priests
 GK William Jakabek
 FDD/PGK John Pizzo
 PGK/PFN Herb Knott
 PGK/PFN Frank Laiter III
 PGK David Legault
 Brother Anthony Machado
 Brother Len Denommee
 Brother Paul Lacroix
 Brother James Kmon
 Brother Matt Parent
 Brother Jim Hall
 Brother Gerard Legault
 Brother Frank Laiter, Jr.
 Brother Lucien Laporte
 Brother Peter Blais
 Brother Nicholas Delfino-Whitaker
 Lucille Ferrer
 Diane Belanger
 Mary Deary
 Shirley Laiter
 Sue Rossetti
 Doris Legault
 Mary Lawlor
 Michel Brouillard
 Tim Dwyer
 Eric Thatcher
 Charles Gemmell
 Barry Smith
 Eleanor Smith
 John Dolan
 Joe McCarthy
 Matthew Mahar
 Suzanne Burke
 Robert Firth
 Nancy Whitaker
 Ellen Deck
 Julia Sottnik
 Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)
 Jovantey (Just Prayers)
 All US military personnel active and former
 The Unborn





December Birthdays

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| Kenneth Jackson (78) | December 5 |
| Russell Maxwell (65) | December 6 |
| Skip Wendoloski (80) | December 7 |
| John Cook (58) | December 15 |
| Russell Michael (93) | December 17 |
| Paul Trainor (61) | December 20 |
| Daniel Tolentino (35) | December 20 |
| David Simonelli (70) | December 22 |
| Guy Lasorsa (62) | December 25 |
| Robert Champagne (89) | December 28 |
| Michael Botelho (70) | December 30 |
| Father Robert Forcier (67) | December 30 |

Membership Report

NEIL FIDLER, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Quarterly Bulletin Note. A bulletin note is currently running in our churches this month. It includes a QR code and a website for eligible Catholic gentleman to sign up online. Please pray that our high-tech bulletin note is fruitful!

Attracting and Engaging Younger Members. Supreme Council hosted a webinar back in September with information on how to attract and engage younger members to join our order. Since every single Brother Knight is on the membership team, I ask you to watch the webinar at this URL: <https://tinyurl.com/5yd7wyr> You'll need to register to watch, but it is well worth your time to understand how we need to go forward to recruit.

Upcoming Delta Membership Drives. We are planning on two drives in 2025 pending pastor approval:

- **Weekend of 2/22-23** - Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul
- **Weekend of 4/26-27** - Saints John and Paul

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Merry Christmas

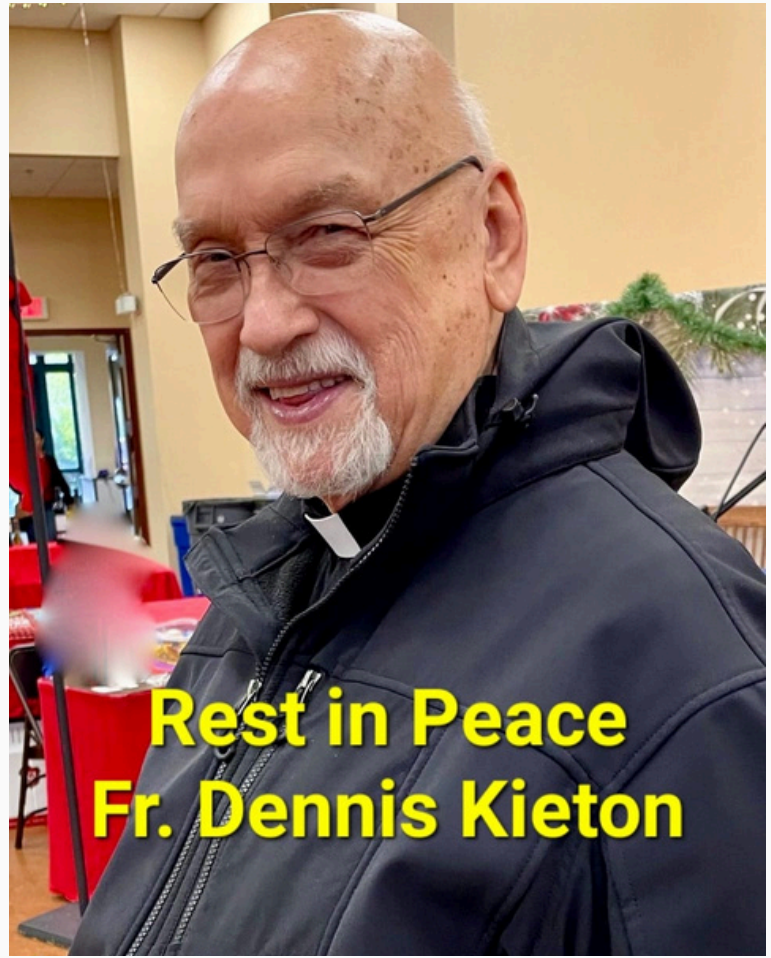


Worthy Advocate John Murray attended the Catholic Women's Conference at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul on Saturday, December 7, helping out with Gabriel's Trumpet merchandise. As you can see, he is repping our council with his very stylish Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council shirt. He informs us that besides Bishop Tobin, he is the only male there. Also, his shirt is making as impression as some of the women have asked him if he is a Monsignor. Take Brother John's advice and wear your Blessing Council gear!

Annual Dues



Notices will be going out in mail for annual dues on December 15. Yearly dues for regular members are \$30, and for Honorary members, dues are \$10. Of course, Honorary Life members are exempt from dues. You may pay your dues via check or by PayPal to coventryknights@verizon.net. If you do utilize PayPal, please make the amount \$31 to cover the administrative charge PayPal charges organizations for transactions.



**Rest in Peace
Fr. Dennis Kieton**

It is with a heavy heart that we said goodbye to beloved SS John and Paul priest in residence, Father Dennis J. Kieton. Father Kieton was ordained in 1985 by Bishop Louis Gelineau who also recently went to his final reward. joined our Order back in November 2003. He subsequently joined our council a year ago on November 28, 2023, when he attained full Knighthood. We will miss Father Kieton, and we will pray for the repose of his soul.

Life Activities

PAUL LEMEK, LIFE DIRECTOR

Novena for Life. This coming January, I will be requesting names via email for Brother Knights and their family members who wish to participate in the Novena for Life which will take place prior to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., and other locations across the nation.

Patriotic Degree Report

PAUL LEMEK, PFN

The Color Corps was busy in November with leading the Confirmation procession at Sts. John and Paul, marching in the Veterans Day parade in Wickford and standing guard at the wake of Father Dennis Keiton.

New Membership Meeting Venue

Brothers, the council has decided to move our venue for membership meetings again starting in January. However, this time, it is just across the parking lot in the Our Lady of Czenstochowa (OLC) School Gymnasium. We held our November Membership Meeting there, and as you can see from the photos below, it worked out very well, and we certainly had a lot more room for the chamber. One difference in the photos that you'll notice in January is that we will meet on the other side of the gym with the stage in the background. Going along with, the council has purchased a 43" HDTV at a very low Black Friday price of \$95 so that we can show the Brother Knights who attend the meeting virtually via Zoom. Also, do not worry about heating during the winter as the heat is always on. Officers Meetings will remain in the OLC Parish House. We pray we see you at the January Membership Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, in the OLC School Gymnasium!

