

Knights of Faith, in Action!

So who are these Knights of Columbus and what are they all about? Well, we believe we know the answer to this question brother, but do the parishioners and the communities in which we serve know the answer?

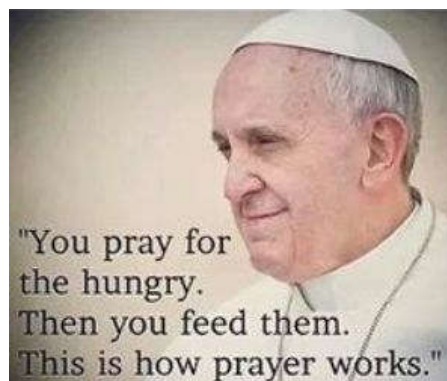
The Knights of Columbus have been all about Service. Until last year, the program that was used by the Knights of Columbus was the "Surge with Service" model. This started in the early 1970's and served the order well. So why did we need to change it you might ask?

The answer is simple. This is no longer the world of the twentieth century. Our church and our communities face new realities that demand change, and adaptation.

Our Catholic faith, our families, and our communities, are beset on all sides with challenges and obstacles. For example, church scandals, demographic population changes, declining participation and parish enrolments, declining sacramental practices, and darkening social norms, to name a few.

Enter "Faith in Action". The Faith in Action model might seem similar in many respects, and it is, but the focus of this model is different. Faith in Action is a call to arms! It demands that we be more visible. In our

parishes, and communities, not only as a charitable group that donates to causes and runs fundraising dinners. To be sure, these are good, and beneficial to our churches and communities, but the times we live in demand more.



With the beginning of Faith in Action last year, the focus has called us to be more visible as men of faith, men of action, and family focused. Yes, we have always been that, but we have been called to shore up the domestic church. It is the example of how we live our lives in our families, communities, and churches, with an understanding that it must be based in prayer, first!

We must be convicted that all our actions be rooted in this spiritual core, that this prayerful attitude is reflected in our program activities. This is what we must understand faith in action to mean?

We must be contrarians to the secular world! By deliberately choosing to be contrary to the world, we'll become examples as men of faith in our homes, communities, and churches. For example, if we're at Chellos in Cranston on a Friday night, and the food comes to our table, do we sign ourselves? Don't think it'd go unnoticed!

As councils that realize our imperfections, and act with humility and joy, we won't so much preach our faith, but rather live it out in our actions. Let us become these knights of faith! When asked who are these Knights of Columbus? Let them answer that they are men of faith, before they say men in service!

To finish, I quote 1 John 3:18-19: "Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions. Then we will know for sure, by our actions, that we are on God's side, and our consciences will be clear, even when we stand before the Lord."

Michael Colvin, District Deputy, District VI



Spotlight on Required Programs!

Since last year with the implementation of the Faith in Action program, every council hoping to earn the Columbian award, or the prestigious Star Council award, needed to include a required program in each of the four categories: faith, family, community, and life.

The reason for this is in line with the new focus of the Faith in Action program, namely, to lend a spiritual foundation to our good works. So how do these core four required programs fill that role?

We all know how the Knights, in union with our Catholic Church and bishops, are staunch supporters of defending the unborn. Every year we see KofC signs everywhere in the national march for life.

It's no coincidence that the requirement for the life category is the Novena for Life. This is because Supreme wants to ensure that our life activities possess the spiritual foundation needed to foster an effective culture of life! Prayer first and foremost! SS John and James Council #7238 is doing their Novena for Life in conjunction with Respect Life Month in October, plan yours too.

In the community category we need to run the Helping Hands program. The thrust of this is in line with the aims of our founder, the venerable

Fr. Michael J. McGivney. We all know that Fr. McGivney founded the Knights with the intention of helping the unfortunate and weakest among us. Helping Hands aims to take one of our founding principles of charity, and ensure that we directly connect with the poor in corporal acts of mercy.

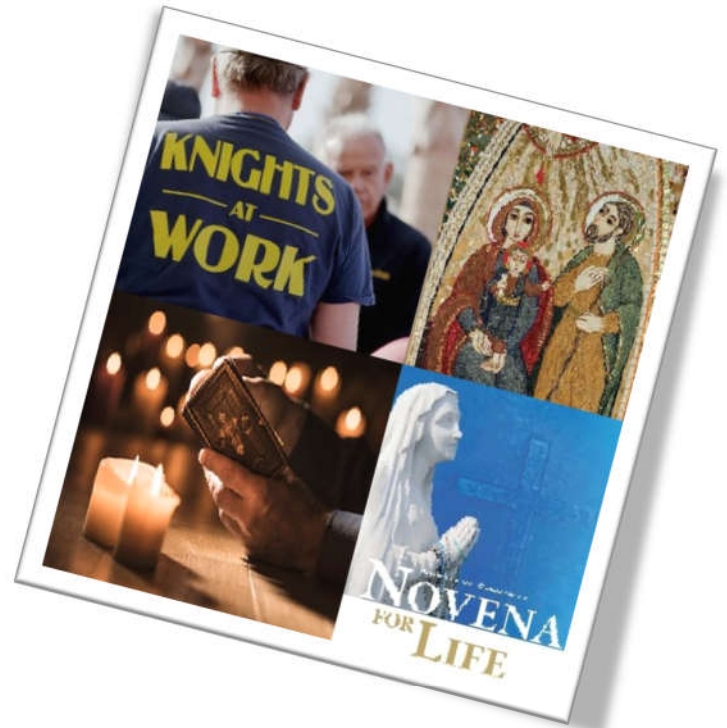
The requirements of this program are purposely broad, so whether it's helping to repair a veteran's home, working at a soup kitchen, assisting the homeless, or something unique your council wants to do, you can find something that will qualify as fulfillment. Fr. Donnally Council #322 ran the Ham Drop last year to the Little Sisters of the Poor, as an example.

The Spiritual Reflection program in the faith category can be fulfilled by conducting a daylong, or weekend spiritual retreat for your council, or parish, or by participating in a larger one conducted elsewhere. For example, the annual KofC Day of Recollection mass and retreat here in RI. Once again, Faith in Action centers us on the fact that we are called to prayer and spirituality at our core.

Finally, we come to the family category requirement, the Consecration to the Holy

Family. Why? It's simple; the Holy Family is our best example? We need to strengthen the domestic church in our own families, and parishes, by mirroring the love of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This can be as simple or elaborate as you choose. Some councils will just use it an opportunity to hand our prayer cards and say the consecration prayer at the end of mass. Others will make it weeks long, coupled with a collation, etc. The point is to ask for aid and intercession to help our families and parishes come closer to God!

DD Mike



District VI to Participate in a Joint District Meeting on September 5th

Please be sure to join us for our first Joint District Organizational Meeting on September 5th, 7:00–9:00 PM, at Warwick Council, 475 Sandy Ln. in Warwick. District 6, along with Districts 4, and 5, and maybe others, will consolidate our first meetings for this Columbian year.

Initial meetings in the new Columbian year can be difficult, so this year we've decided to facilitate this by combining our resources for this first effort. The purpose of this meeting is to provide training and share information that was given to the DDs at the State organizational meeting in July. The focus will be on the Faith in Action Program, and council growth. The State Program

Director, FDD Jeff Gaulin State Membership Director, FDD PJ Shea, and State Training Director, PSD/SM Steve Ciolfi, have agreed to lead the training.

There will also be other information provided, and questions are always welcome. GKs, DGKs, FS, Programing, Membership, Faith Family, Life, and Community Directors are strongly encouraged to attend. Of course all your council officers, and members, are invited as well. Please inform your GK regarding your attendance ASAP. A head count will be needed in advance of the meeting for collation purposes, etc.



Each council is also asked to bring a copy of their Forms 185 and 365, to be submitted to the State Officers. I have already forwarded all the forms I received, but please be ready with this. I also plan to hold our own District 6 midyear meeting in January/February as we did last year. - **DD Mike**

EXPERIENCE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 137TH SUPREME CONVENTION LIVE FROM MINNEAPOLIS!

The 137th Supreme Convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 6-8, 2019. Can't make it this year?

Here's how you can follow the action at home: Visit kofc.org for [news and photos](#). And follow our Twitter [@kofc](#), Instagram [@kofc_official](#) and Facebook accounts for a close-up look at everything that's going on. Live video coverage will be provided by [EWTN](#). (Cox channel 22)

The networks will begin broadcasting the events at 9:30 a.m. CDT with the Opening Mass. The convention's Opening Business Session, featuring the Supreme Knight's Annual Report, begins at 1 p.m. The States Dinner starts at 7 p.m.

SiriusXM Radio's [The Catholic Channel](#) will also air the events. Streaming will be available through [SiriusXM](#).

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2ND ANNUAL RI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FIELD DAY AND POTLUCK FAMILY COOKOUT

Brothers, friends and family, you're all invited to join us and spend time together as a family! This is open to you, your friends, and family...and it's free!

The State provides hot dogs, burgers, and drinks. Games will be available, but please bring yours too. **You are asked to bring a non-perishable food item that day which will be donated to an RI food pantry.**



Email the State Family Director Michael Guerra at mikegonemad@gmail.com in order to gage an accurate headcount by Sept 1st. you can also call 401-374-1487. Please include the number of people attending in your party. SEE YOU THERE!

MSGR. PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273

On Friday September 6th Msgr. Blessing Council will be holding a Comedy Night. The doors open at 7:00 pm, and the show starts at 8:00 pm bring your own snacks. There will be a cash bar for beer and wine. There will



also be a 50/50 drawing, and raffles. This is a PG rated show. Funds will benefit the council's efforts to fund their Coats for Kids program and the bishop's Keep the Heat On fund, among other things (i.e. Marine Corps Toys4Tots). The location is at Saints John and Paul Parish Center, 341 South Main St., Coventry, RI. Call FDD John Pizzo at 401-623-1793 for more information. Tickets are \$20 per person, and available here funny4funds.com/events Donations, and sponsors are also welcome!



AUGUST 12TH - VENERABLE FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY'S BIRTHDAY - PRAY FOR US!



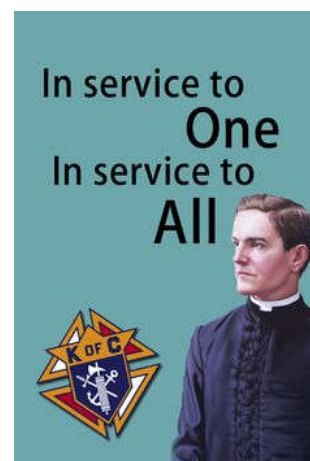
LITTLE FLOWER HOME FUNDRAISER AUGUST 11, AT 1:00 PM

Whiskey, Cigars and a Steak Fry

To benefit the Little Flower Home Sunday August 11, 1pm Tickets \$45 per person, 3200 Pawtucket Ave, Riverside, RI Presented by Bristol Council #379 & East Providence Council #1528



Raffles, Vendors, and a Great Time for All! Contact Warren Rensehausen 401-200-1047 or Mike DeAngelis 617-721-8874 for more information.



DEGREES AND DEGREE TEAMS



Councils, please remember that you're expected to conduct at least one 1st degree per quarter, and at least 4 per year. I will be happy to help, or assist with your ceremonies, and I will do my level best to conduct 2nd degree ceremonies in tandem with your 1st degree if desired.

I'm also hoping to build a dedicated district degree team that is willing to meet occasionally to practice. If you are interested please contact me by phone at 401-641-6881 or by email at district6.rikofc@gmail.com.

FAITH IN ACTION – SAFE ENVIRONMENT



Brothers, remember that one of the most immediate and important jobs in July, is that your form 365 is submitted with ALL REQUIRED APPOINTMENTS completed. Your councils must specify **Program Director, Community Director, Family Director, Membership Director, & Retention Chairman.**

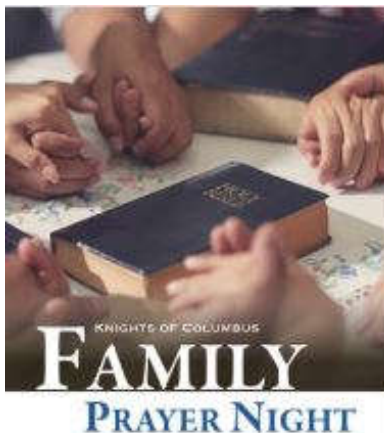
The Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director must complete their Safe Environment training within 30 days of their appointment confirmation. In addition, the Family Director and Community Director must also undergo a background check. This is done in conjunction with the online training.

If these guidelines are not followed a council is disqualified from attaining Star Council. It is imperative that your Grand Knights take immediate action, designate the directors, and submit form 365 as soon as possible. If directors fail to act within 30 days, They are disqualified from further attempts and a new member must be appointed to the position! Directors will receive notice via email from armatusadmin@praesidiuminc.com password information, etc. Please act once you've been contacted.

SS JOHN & JAMES – FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

Join us for **Family Prayer Night**
Noche De Oración Familiar

On the Feast of the Assumption, August 15th, at 6:30pm, the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring its first **Family Prayer Night** prior to mass. Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for families to come together for prayer, food and fellowship.



Starting before mass with a bilingual rosary, and offering of roses to Our Lady of the Assumption, we assemble outside the front of the church after mass for a children's crowning of Our Lady's statue, prayer, and song. We will then relocate to the school cafeteria for some fellowship, food, and refreshment. An event for family young or old! SS John & James Parish Church, 40 Washington St., WW, RI 02893



AUGUST – FORMS AND FILINGS



URGENT- DUE SOON!

- **Semiannual Council Audit (#1295) – DUE 8/15**

The council trustees and the grand knight should complete the audit and send it to: Knights of Columbus, Council Accounts, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326. The reports can be found at kofc.org/forms. All three sections of the Semiannual Council Audit Report (#1295) must be completed, and the audit must be signed by the grand knight and at least two trustees. If an entry is not applicable, the word "none" should be inserted on the line. Failure to complete any section or affix required signatures will necessitate return of the report to the grand knight.



Installation of Officers

The district deputy should install council officers as close to the start of the fraternal year as possible. This can be done as casually or formally (preferred) as desired. It can be done in a church (preferred) or in a council hall.



Important! Form 100 Submission

The State Membership Director PJ Shea, or Degree & Ceremonials Chairman have asked that they be the only officers to submit form 100 documents to Supreme until further notice!