



Honoring Our Names and His Legacy

Knights celebrate Columbus Day, knowing that our namesake gave voice to generations of Catholics, and helped pave a path for our diverse society.

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When founding the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael McGivney picked Christopher Columbus as a namesake for the organization because in a time when anti-Catholic and anti-immigrant feeling ran rampant, the American public embraced this famous explorer.

Father McGivney and his Knights understood that using Columbus as their Order's namesake asserted an important truth: that not only was there a place for Catholics and immigrants within American society, but that such a person had already played a part in creating the young, free world around them.

Times have changed and today there are those who contest Columbus' achievements and protest the national holiday held in his honor. They look to make Columbus responsible for all the atrocities against Native Americans.

In an article that appeared in RealClear Politics two years ago and also in recent testimony in New Haven, Conn., Patrick Mason (a member of the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors and also of the Osage Nation), said there is a danger that blaming Columbus misses the lessons of history and adds to the risk of repeating it.

The Anchor



"As American citizens, we need to remember our history, both the good and the bad, so that we are not set up to repeat history's mistakes," Mason said. "We need to take an honest look at all our fore-fathers. We need to give them the credit they deserve for what they did well, while being mindful of the things that they should have been done differently or better."

He added that the current debate brings with it the opportunity honor and acknowledge indigenous people while preserving the great explorer's legacy.

The Knights of Columbus continue to celebrate Columbus Day, knowing that the explorer gave voice and representation to generations of Catholics, and helped pave a path for the diverse society we have today.

Spotlight on District VI Councils!

MSGR. PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273

September was a very busy month for Msgr. Peter Blessing council. In addition to the Funny 4 Funds comedy night Fundraiser that they held early in the month, they also held their Soccer



Challenge in Coventry on September 14th. [UPDATE: Their 13 yr. Boys Champion Logan Moore, also won that category at the State Championship.].

On September 24th, the brothers also held their monthly "Knight Out" event at Braza Brazilian BBQ in Coventry as well. It seems that aside from the great food, Braza is a proud sponsor of some of the



council's activities, and they wanted to support this great eatery in kind. Great job brothers!

SS JOHN AND JAMES COUNCIL #7238

In addition to hosting a Silver Rose Ceremony on September 20th, SS John and James Council conducted their Soccer Challenge on September 28th. This year it was occurred at the West Warwick HS.



Special mention to former coach, and council officer, Dan Sylvester, DGK John Wetherbee, and James Hart, for making it all happen.



It should also be mentioned that this council also holds a Holy Hour every week on Monday, 7:00 pm, at St. Mary's church.

Started originally as a Faith in Action program, pastor Fr. Nicholas Fleming has incorporated it as regular weekly parish activity. This is our hope as knights; to find programs that mesh well with our parishes, and advance our Catholicity. Kudos!

FR. DONNELLY COUNCIL #322

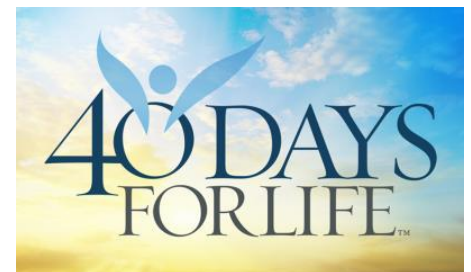
On Sunday, September 9th, Fr. Donnelly Council held a Silver Rose ceremony at St. Mark's Church. The event was well attended. Like most of the councils in District 6, this has become a regular annual event, and reflects the hearts of our brother knights, in their support of the unborn.



Faith in Action ALERT!!!

Join with your local 40 Days for Life campaign between Sept. 25 and Nov. 3, to pray for an end to abortion. You can find your city's vigil site, sign-up to pray, and learn more about 40 Days for Life by visiting

<https://dioceseofprovidence.org/40-days-for-life>



District Meetings Highlight the priorities of the Knights of Columbus in RI!

Two District meetings were held in September that highlighted the priorities of our order in RI. On September 5th, a Joint District Meeting was held at Warwick Council with several districts in attendance, including our own District 6.

Many subjects were covered, including Faith in Action, Safe Environment training, degrees, council growth, and Delta Church Drives.



The meeting/training was led by State Program Director Jeff Gaulin, and State Membership Director PJ Shea. Representatives from four District 6 councils showed up to attend.

As a follow-up and reinforcement to this, a special District 6 meeting was held at SS John and James Council on October 2nd.

This special District 6 meeting consisted of a focused program overview of the new Delta Church Drive.

We discussed the core aspects of this re-vamped approach to recruitment in great detail. Council Growth and involvement is the biggest problem we face with our councils.

Growth isn't optional, it is necessary! Between the average age of our membership, and the faltering retention of disinterested brothers, if we are not growing, we are jeopardizing the future viability of our councils.



This program overview was well attended. Members of all but one of our councils participated. We were also joined by State Deputy Mike Dziok, and PSD Steve Ciolfi.

Be prepared for the District mid-year meeting that is tentatively scheduled for, Feb. 12th. We will be covering all relevant issues and agenda items as we look toward finalizing our program plans for the 2019-20 Columbian year.

SCALABRINI COUNCIL ANNUAL GAME DINNER

When: Sunday November 10, 2019 at 1:00 PM

Where: Santa Maria DiPrata Club
20 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston

How Much: \$35.00 per person

Prepared by Ralph's Catering

All Dishes Served Family Style

Contact:

DD/PSD Peter Lentini

For tickets and reservations

401-944-2613

RESPOND BY NOV. 4th

Proceeds to Benefit:

- SPECIAL OLYMPICS RI
- PROVIDENCE CANTEEN



UPCOMING DEGREES



Please be advised that a 1st and 2nd degree ceremony will be held at SS John and James School cafeteria in West Warwick, on December 3rd, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Please work on council growth in your parishes to generate new recruits for your councils. If you plan on attending, please contact me by phone at 401-641-6881 or by email at district6.rikofc@gmail.com.

WHY COUNCILS NEED TO GROW



COUNCIL GROWTH

Regional Training Director Steve Cohen will be delivering a Council Growth Training Module on November 12th and 14th for Rhode Island.

Grand Knights will receive a separate notice of this training module. Please register for this training, starting on November 1st. Councils should be aware of the importance of this training. More details will be available soon!

CHRIST THE KING MASS 2019

The annual Christ the King Mass and Breakfast Buffet sponsored by the Fourth Degree of the RI Knights of Columbus will be held on Sunday, November 24th. The Mass starts at 10:00 AM, at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul, and will be celebrated by Bishop Tobin.

Please wear your social baldrics or new regalia if available. If neither of these is possible please consider wearing Knights of Columbus branded apparel. Perhaps even attending on mass as a council group.



The optional follow on buffet is \$15 per person, and \$7 for children under 12. You can pay at the door, but please call for reservations (head count). Email the 4th degree Master Bob Gallant at bobgal664@gmail.com, or call him at 401-767-6955.

STATE MEETING (NOVEMBER)

The November RI State Council meeting will be held on Nov. 8th, at 7:30PM. The location will be at Cranston Council #1738, 70 Pettaconsett Avenue Cranston, RI 02920 US

Council Recruiting in Today's Age Online Prospect Form

An Online Prospect Form is a digital sign up sheet that captures a prospect's contact info for your council AND automatically sends them a personalized, informational email that your council helps create.

The prospect will continue to receive personalized emails educating them on the Knights of Columbus, while your council continues to recruit them into your council. Every council should utilize this tool.

- Fits perfectly into the current and future recruiting strategy
- No need to use the Form 100 while recruiting
- Access via phone, tablet, or computer
- Invite prospects to Admissions (First) Degrees

• Invite prospects and their families to service projects and faith & social events
To request an Online Prospect form for a council or request updates visit <https://info.kofc.org/pagerequest>



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!



Pro-Life Focus

Is your council ready for this year's March for Life? As we march closer and closer to victory on behalf of the unborn, be sure to

plan how your council can participate in these historic events.



**VIVAT
JESUS!**

