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 MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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 Our Council's Namesake

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**AUGUST OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 8/1/2018  
 TIME: 7:00PM

**AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
 DATE: MONDAY, 8/6/2018  
 TIME: 7:30PM

**STEAK FRY FUNDRAISER**

PLACE: TAVERN ON THE HILL, WEST GREENWICH  
 DATE: SATURDAY, 8/11/2018  
 TIME: 2:00PM

**SEPTEMBER OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 9/5/2018  
 TIME: 7:00PM

**COMEDY NIGHT – FUNNY FOR FUNDS**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
 DATE: FRIDAY, 9/7/2018  
 TIME: 7:00PM

**SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
 DATE: MONDAY, 9/10/2018  
 TIME: 7:30PM



**Grand Knight's Corner**

My Brothers all,

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our Catholic Faith is what separates the Knights of Columbus from other fraternal organizations. There are many opportunities within the Faith in Action Program where all members and their families can take part in. You will be seeing emails about different events that are planned. There will be signup sheets at the business meetings if you would like to volunteer a few hours working on the committee's that will be planning these events. We are also open to new ideas on any programs that would help us to faithfully serve in the areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. Please get involved with the Blessing Council activities which will enrich your Faith in Action. If you cannot make the business meetings but would like to get involved in an activity please email me at [palemek@cox.net](mailto:palemek@cox.net) or call any of our officers.

In the letter of James (chapter 2, verses 14-26) we can see that what is said can be summed up with the statement "For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead".

Let's put our faith in action as a council and may God give us the graces to succeed in our efforts to serve our Churches and Community through our faith in action.

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, please pray and intercede for us in our efforts to do God's will by loving and serving Him and our neighbors.

Also, if you know of any practicing Catholic men ages 18 and up that would like to serve God and neighbor in a faith filled organization, please bring his name to a business meeting or contact one of the officers listed on this newsletter.

Vivat Jesus!  
 Paul Lemek  
 Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

**Supreme Knight**

Carl A. Anderson

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Michael Dziok

**District Deputy (RI Dist. 5)**

Michael Colvin

**Insurance Agent**

Stephen Del Deo

**Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Officers:**

**Chaplain**

Rev. Paul Lemoi

**Grand Knight**

Paul Lemek

**Financial Secretary**

Neil Fidler

**Deputy Grand Knight**

Brian Mattias

**Chancellor**

Anthony Machado

**Recorder**

William Jakabek

**Treasurer**

David Legault

**Warden**

Ryan Switzer

**Advocate**

Patrick Hurley

**Inside Guard**

James Hall

**Outside Guard**

Stephen Kukulka

**Lecturer**

Alan Ogrodnik

**One Year Trustee**

John Pizzo

**Two Year Trustee**

Frank Laiter III

**Three Year Trustee**

Angel Ferrer, Jr.



# Chaplain's Corner

No Report This Month

## Knights Urged to Join in Novena for Legal Protection of Human Life

Motivated by the upcoming change on the Supreme Court, the Knights of Columbus is urging its members and all Catholics to join in a novena to pray for the protection of human life in the law. The novena, which Cardinal Dolan called for in mid-July, will be a nine-week prayer effort every Friday from Aug. 3 to Sept. 28.

When Cardinal Dolan announced the novena as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, he expressed concerns about lobbying by "pro-abortion groups" against confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump's nominee to replace now-retired Justice Anthony Kennedy.

"While the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not support or oppose the confirmation of any presidential nominee," the cardinal said, "we can and should raise grave concerns about a confirmation process which is being grossly distorted by efforts to subject judicial nominees to a litmus test of support for Roe v. Wade. And we must pray." Carl Anderson, the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, said: "We join our pastors in praying that the confirmation process will help lead to a court that upholds the right to life of every person, as it is the prerequisite for all other rights guaranteed by our Constitution."

Materials for the "Call to Prayer" novena are available at <https://bit.ly/2JBU1MH>. Those who participate in the novena can sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray](http://www.usccb.org/pray) to receive weekly notifications by text or email in addition to material about Roe v. Wade and its aftermath.

Those participating are asked to fast on Fridays and say an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the intention.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin
- His Excellency Bishop Robert Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- GK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK Thomas Del Mastro
- PGK William Moskosky
- Chancellor Mark Giolitti
- Lecturer Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother "Bo" Kenahan
- Brother David Legault
- Brother Joseph Farrell
- Lucille Ferrer Ellen Ogrodnik
- Bernadette Favata
- Diane Belanger
- Nancy Giolitti
- Wyatt Canfield
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

*"But it is as scripture says: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard, what the mind of man cannot visualize; all that God has prepared for those who love him" – 1 Corinthians 2:9*

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Frank Laiter III	August 1
Daniel Michaelski	August 4
William Moskosky, Jr.	August 8
Stephen Smith	August 9
Bernard Bernatonis	August 10
Raymond Byrnes	August 10
Very Reverend Paul Grenon	August 10
Leodore Charpentier, Jr.	August 14
James Sartell	August 18
James O'Connor, Jr.	August 22
Mark Giolitti	August 23
Antonio Neves	August 23
Steven Bailey	August 24
Angel Ferrer, Jr.	August 25
John Mulholland	August 30



For the latest news and information from the 136th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention please visit our special [convention website](#). Also, all of our special media channels - [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for coverage.

In addition, the of Columbus Supreme Convention will be broadcast by four popular Catholic media outlets. Live coverage will be provided by the Eternal Word Television Network ([EWTN](#)), Canada's [Salt and Light Television](#), and Boston-based [CatholicTV](#). [SiriusXM](#) Radio's The Catholic Channel will also broadcast from the event, taking place at the Baltimore Convention Center.

The three television networks will broadcast the proceedings throughout opening day, Tuesday, Aug. 7, and all the Wednesday and Thursday morning Masses. Events begin at 9:30 a.m. EDT with the Opening Mass, celebrated by Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore. The convention's Opening Business Session, featuring Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's annual report, begins at 1 p.m. and the States Dinner starts at 7 p.m.

The Mass on Wednesday, Aug. 8, to be celebrated by Cardinal Gérald Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, with homily by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, begins at 8 a.m. EDT, as does the Memorial Mass on Thursday, Aug. 9, to be celebrated by Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore.

Streaming coverage will be available on each network's website.

**STEAK FRY**

**A Steak Fry Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, August 11, 2018**  
 Starting at 2:00PM  
**Tavern on the Hill**  
 809 Nooseneck Hill Rd. W. Greenwich

**Menu:**

- 12 Oz. USDA Choice Sirloin NY Strip*
- Grilled Chicken pieces*
- Hamburger/Hotdogs (Kids under 12)*
- Baked Potato*
- Salad*
- Corn on the Cob*
- Cash Bar*

**\$20.00 Per Person/ Kids under 12 Free**

Proceeds to fund the Knights of Columbus Charities  
 Enjoy a fabulous dinner for a great price for a great cause!

For tickets, contact Shawn Corcoran at 401-556-0360 or email [larbun4@gmail.com](mailto:larbun4@gmail.com). Please RSVP by August 3, 2018. Make checks out to: Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 K of C.

**AUGUST MEETINGS RESCHEDULED**



During the July council meeting, it was voted by the council that we move the August Officers meeting to Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and the regular council meeting to Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. The two reasons for this are that Victory Day is celebrated on the day the council meeting was normally scheduled - August 13<sup>th</sup>. Also, the Fundraiser Committee desired to have one more council meeting prior to the Steak Fry for an opportunity to sell more tickets for the event. Please make a note of it on your calendar.

*"The nearer you go to God; the nearer God will come to you." - James 4:8*

**DUTIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**ADVOCATE**



The advocate is the legal representative of the council and serves as the council's attorney at trials and investigations of any interest to the council. While he does not need to be a member of the legal profession, he should be familiar with the council by-laws, the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws, Methods of Conducting a Council Meeting and Robert's Rules of Order.

**Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent**

Did you know that life insurance isn't the only benefit you're entitled to as a Knight of Columbus? There are many more products offered by Knights of Columbus Insurance such as:

- Permanent Life Insurance
- Term Life Insurance
- Retirement Annuities
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- Disability Income Insurance
- Survivor Benefits
- Fraternal Benefits
- A Comprehensive, Complimentary Financial Analysis
- End-of-Life Planning

Give Brother Steve Del Deo a call at 401-256-2896 to find out more.

**WHO DOES IT? - Brother Knights Skills Listing**

Skill	Brother Knight	Phone	Email/Address
Construction/ Roof Repair	Brian Smith	401-826-1725	BCS Contruction, 23 Holmes Rd., Coventry
Certified Tutoring	Edgar Brouillard	401-354-9298	edbrou@gmail.com
Woodworking	David Tremblay	401-580-5784	triumph213@yahoo.com
Auto Repair	John Starziano	401-821-9887	Star Service Center, 53 Arnold Rd., Coventry
Plumbing/Electrical/Applicances	Tom Rossi	401-243-3767	tomr421@cox.net
Computer Repair	Mike Colvin	401-641-6881	mikegcolvin@gmail.com

If you have a particular skill and would like to be included on this list, please contact FS Neil Fidler at Narragansett55@gmail.com to be added.

*“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God remains for ever.” - Isaiah 40:8*

**“FAITH IN ACTION”**



Knights around the world know that the chance to roll up our sleeves and demonstrate our faith through service is as powerful as it is rewarding. That said, the demands of life today make it difficult to find time to live out the calling of our faith and our desire to serve. Our always-on smartphone means that work follows us home where we also juggle household chores and frenetic kids’ activities. Free time is precious and dedicated to family. The Faith in Action program model recognizes this new reality and invites men to lead their family in faith and service – not leave their family for service.

In the coming 2018-2019 fraternal year, Faith in Action will be the new program model for the Knights of Columbus, replacing Surge...with Service. The new model seeks to balance all of our priorities as an Order — Faith, Family, Community and Life — and offer Knights meaningful opportunities to serve people in need in our parishes and communities. Faith in Action fully integrates Building the Domestic Church programs, limits the number of requirements for Columbian Award, and most importantly, allows councils to concentrate on implementing faith-filled family programs. Our goal? Quality – not quantity.

Make an impact bigger than yourself – and build bonds of friendship and fraternity that last a lifetime. More details to come and how it will pertain to our council.

**SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICES**



The Rhode Island Knights of Columbus State Council will be receiving the Silver Rose from Massachusetts on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Councils have been requested to host Silver Rose Prayer Services at their churches during the month of October. Our Council have arranged services at the following churches:

- SS John and Paul – Wednesday, October 3, 7PM
- St. Vincent de Paul – Thursday, October 25, 7PM
- Our Lady of Good Council – TBD

John Murray  
Church Director

*“The earth has yielded its produce; God, our God has blessed us.” - Psalms 67:6*