

BLESSED ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASONS!



THE BLESSING WORD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY

PLACE: CRANSTON COUNTRY CLUB
DATE: SUNDAY, 12/9/2018
TIME: 2:00PM

DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 12/10/2018
TIME: 7:30PM

JANUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1/9/2019
TIME: 7:00PM

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
DATE: MONDAY, 1/14/2019
TIME: 7:30PM

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

(TENTATIVE)

PLACE: FJVD GYMNASIUM
DATE: SUNDAY, 1/27/2019
TIME: 1:00PM

NOTICES FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL
BE MAILED OUT ON DECEMBER 15.
PLEASE PAY BY JANUARY 31, 2019



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers all,

I pray that you and you and your families are well and would like to extend my sincere wishes for a blessed Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Our annual Christmas party this year is at the Cranston Country Club and it is my hope that all attending will have a good time.

After the holidays our Program Manager will be focusing on instituting "Faith in Action" programs which will put our council on track to receive the Columbia Award as well as accomplishing the goal of the program which is to help bolster the Catholic faith within our council and church families. Please consider helping and/or attending these events with your families. These events are not for fundraising but are geared toward putting our faith in action within our families, parishes and community.

Please plan on attending our Council's business meetings in the new year so that you can find out what is happening in our council and how you can help the programs be successful.

Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney pray for us that our efforts in all we do will help increase our Catholic faith by our actions and our devotion to Our Lord.

Thank you,
Vivat Jesus!
Paul Lemek
Grand Knight

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Chaplain's Corner

Brother Knights!

We are in the midst of the Advent season in the cold at the near winter season to be upon. Everything looks dark and cold and almost lifeless. Advent is the time to remind us of the great gift of life that has come upon all of us. It is with anticipatory hope that we await once again the coming of our Lord into our hearts and souls. The Church calls us to reflect upon our lives and to strive to receive reconciliation during this time.

Advent brings us into the celebration of Christ coming into our lives. We have to remember that Christmas is not just a one-day deal. Like Advent, it has a season time. We celebrate the season of Christmas until the day of Our Lord's Baptism in January. So, take the time to enjoy both of these seasons.

As we draw near to a New Year ahead, I pray that God will bless and protect you and your families in the New Year.

Vivat Jesus!
Father Paul Lemoi
Chaplain

PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- His Excellency Bishop Thomas Tobin
- His Excellency Bishop Robert Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer David Legault
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- Brother John Deary
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Joseph Farrell
- Lucille Ferrer
- Ellen Ogrodnik
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Wyatt Canfield
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

“But the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.’” – Luke 2:10-11

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

David Brodeur	December 3
Kenneth Jackson	December 5
Russell Maxwell	December 6
James Kiley, Sr.	December 7
Chester Wendoloski	December 7
John Cook	December 15
Russell Michael	December 17
Paul Trainor	December 20
David Simonelli	December 22
Guy Lasorsa	December 25
Robert Champagne	December 28
Father Robert Forcier	December 30

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. LUKE 2:4-5



NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS INSTALLED



Our council's new slate of officers for the 2018-19 Columbian Year were installed by the Worthy District Deputy Michael Colvin on Sunday, November 9, at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Pictured is our Worthy Grand Knight Paul Lemek being presented with his Grand Knight jewel by his wife Roberta with the Worthy District Deputy Michael Colvin in the background. Our prayers are with our new slate of officers that they fulfill their duties to the best of their abilities while doing Our Lord's will.

PGK HAROLD TRAFFORD INDUCTED IN LASALLE HALL OF FAME



Congratulations to Past Grand Knight Harold Trafford for his induction into the LaSalle Academy Hall of Fame on Friday, November 16. He is pictured above receiving the award with his wife Jacqueline. Brother Harold was in the graduating class of 1952. Brother Harold was also our Grand Knight during the 1970-71 Columbian Year. Well done, Worthy Past Grand Knight Harold!

“The Lord will give you a sign in any case: It is this: the young woman is with child and will give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel.” – Isaiah 7:14

COATS FOR KIDS



As the weather starts to get cold, our council is heating up our commitment to the community with free winter coat distributions for deserving children! Today, eighteen percent of American children live in poverty. As a result, many families cannot afford to provide even the basic necessity of a warm winter coat. Putting their faith into action, other Knights of Columbus councils have handed out more than 500,000 coats to children throughout the United States and Canada through the Coats for Kids program. Our council now joins them in this worthy program!

Our council will be distributing coats to the children of needy families throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons and into January, if necessary. Please contact John Pizzo at 401-623-1793 for more information.

Stephen Del Deo – Insurance Field Agent



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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.

“Now it happened that when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us.’” – Luke 2:15