



# THE BLESSING WORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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**MSGR PETER E. BLESSING**

**L.L.D., D.D., V.G.**

**RI State Chaplain 1913-1957**

**Our Council's Namesake**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **NOVEMBER OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 11/6/2019

TIME: 7:00PM

### **NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER

DATE: MONDAY, 11/11/2019

TIME: 7:30PM

**DONATIONS GIVEN OUT AT 7PM**

### **DECEMBER OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 12/4/2019

TIME: 7:00PM

### **COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

PLACE: CRANSTON COUNTRY CLUB

DATE: SUNDAY, 12/8/2019

TIME: 6:00PM

### **DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER

DATE: MONDAY, 12/9/2019

TIME: 7:30PM

**DONATIONS GIVEN OUT AT 7PM**

**THE KNIGHT OUT WILL RESUME IN  
JANUARY**



## **Grand Knight's Corner**

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well.

Halloween has passed, Advent and Christmas are on the horizon, but in between is the month of November which is a time to give thanks.

November 1 is All Saints Day when we give thanks for our Communion with the Saints and for their intercession.

November 2 is All Souls Day when we pray for the dead and give thanks to Jesus for His Passion, Death and Resurrection for the salvation of all souls.

November 11 is Veterans Day when we give thanks for the sacrifices that our brave and dedicated, past and present, Veterans made and continue to make for the defense of our freedoms of this great country our United States of America.

And last, but not least, the 28th of November is Thanksgiving Day when we gather and give thanks with family and friends for the blessings that we are able to share through the merits of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Roberta and I pray that you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving month. Thank you for all that you do.

Vivat Jesus!

Paul Lemek  
Grand Knight



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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

**Supreme Knight**

Carl A. Anderson

**RI State Deputy**

Michael Dziok

**District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)**

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**

Frank Laiter, Jr.

**Advocate**

Patrick Hurley

**Inside Guard**

James Hall

**Outside Guard**

Stephen Kukulka

**Lecturer**

Edgar Brouillard

**One Year Trustee**

Earl Mahar

**Two Year Trustee**

John Pizzo

**Three Year Trustee**

Frank Laiter III



## Chaplain's Corner

Brother Knights,

We begin this month of November honoring All Saints - reminding us that we are all called to be holy in our life. Called to live out the values given to us by Christ in the Beatitudes (the gospel reading for feast of All Saints). On the day after All Saints comes All Souls Day, when we remember all the souls of our departed brothers and sisters. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

It is also at this time of the year that many of our Parish communities begin to gather nonperishable goods in preparation for baskets that they will be giving out to the needy of our communities. Please try to assist them in this effort, Christ tells that the poor will always be with us. Through our efforts to provide for them may Christ's blessed hand be upon them.

Continue to pray the Rosary daily for the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Francis and for the sanctity of all human life. Share in all the activities that our parishes offer to help us grow in our faith and in our relationship to God our Father. Strive to be of example to other men and extend an invitation to them to become a brother Knight.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Paul Lemoi  
Chaplain

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer David Legault
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Roderick Fraser (Deceased)
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Charlie Sweeney
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Dennis Murphy (Deceased)
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

*"So now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your majestic name." – 1 Chronicles 8:13*



**FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY**

Coats have been received for our Coats for Kids program. I am in the process of contacting our churches and their outreach programs to identify needy families that may have children in need of winter coats.

The maintenance of the Veterans park at the corner of Arnold Rd. and Tiogue Ave. continues. If any Brother Knight wishes to assist, I am there most Saturdays by 9 am.

The Christmas Party will be held at the Cranston Country Club on Sunday, December 8, starting at 5PM. More details to come.

John Pizzo, Community Activities Director

**FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY**

The primary and required activity for the Family category that they are looking to conduct is the Consecration to the Holy Family which is being planned for December. The Family Activities Committee also plans the monthly “Knight Out” which provides a great opportunity for Brother Knights and their families to enjoy a meal out at one of our local restaurants. There will be no Knights Out in November and December.

Brothers, if you’re interested in helping out with Family activities, please contact Brother David Legault or Brother Tony Machado.

David Legault, Family Activities Director

**FAITH IN ACTION – FAITH**

We continue to count our council’s attendance to the monthly Holy Hours around the diocese and plan for a retreat in conjunction with Sts. John & James council sometime in the spring of 2020.

Brothers, if you’re interested in helping out with Faith activities, please contact the Worthy Grand Knight.

Paul Lemek, Faith Activities Director

**FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE**

**Join Bishop Tobin's Human Life Guild.** The Respect Life Office falls under the umbrella of the Human Life Guild, an organization that Bishop Thomas J. Tobin founded in the Diocese of Providence in fall of 2005. The purpose of the organization is to encourage membership of those who are willing to accept the invitation to be “People of Life,” to have an unconditional commitment to human life and to be willing to promote and defend human life at every stage, in every condition, through thought, word, deed and prayer. There are four major areas of the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, under which the Human Life Guild is implemented, as instituted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: Education, Pastoral Care, Public Policy, and Prayer.

Contact Carol Owens, Life & Family Coordinator  
401.421.7833, X218  
email: [cowensdioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:cowensdioceseofprovidence.org)

John Murray, Life Activities Director

*“We always thank God for you all, mentioning you in our prayers continually.” – 1 Thessalonians 1:2*

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Neil Fidler	November 1
David Legault	November 4
John Deary	November 5
Richard Masterson	November 5
Fr. Peter Sheehan	November 7
Frank Laiter, Jr.	November 8
Brian Mattias	November 8
Todd Delehant	November 10
David Tanski	November 14
Mark Trainor	November 15
Richard Belanger	November 21

**STATE SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPION**

Meet Logan Moore! Logan was our 13-year old Boys Champion during our recent Soccer Challenge event in September, and he is the 13-year old Boys Champion for the entire state of Rhode Island. Logan took part in the State event held on Saturday, October 26, at Club Juventude Lusitana in Cumberland. Well done to Logan! Next year, he'll be 14, and it'll be his last year of eligibility to compete in the Soccer Challenge. Logan is pictured above receiving his champion trophy from State Deputy Michael Dziok as well as Blessing Council Financial Secretary Neil Fidler and State Youth Director Michael Guerra.

**RODERICK FRASER 1927-2019**

Brother Roderick "Rod" Fraser went to his final reward on October 11, 2019, at age 92. Brother Rod was a charter member of our council having joined the Order in April 1962. He was also a US Navy veteran of World War II having served in the Pacific Theater. Many locals remember Brother Rod as the manager of the J.J. Newbury store in West Warwick having worked there for 36 years before retiring in 1987. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

**YEARLY DONATIONS**

A total of \$6,100 from our Vanguard Wellington Fund Dividends was available to donate this year. The Financial Committee recommended the following donations from our Vanguard Wellington Fund dividends and approved by the Council:

RSVP (Patrick Ryan/Angel Castillo-Perin \$500 x 2)	\$1,000
OLGC, OLC, SVP and SSJP Churches (\$800 x 4)	\$3,200
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$500
Coventry Food Bank	\$300
Our Daily Bread Program	\$300
Keep the Heat On	\$300
Senior Priest Retirement Fund	\$300
Council Charity Fund	\$200

A total of \$1,200 from our KANDI Drive was available to donate this year, and the council voted to distribute as follows:

Coventry High School Transitions to Success	\$400
Project Friends Coventry	\$400
Meeting Street School	\$400

Donations will be presented to the recipients prior to the November and December meetings at 7PM.

*"Sing to Yahweh in thanksgiving, play the harp for our God." – Psalms 147:7*



# *Christmas Party!*



Please join the  
Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273  
Knights of Columbus  
for food and Christmas cheer on  
Sunday, December 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.  
Cranston Country Club  
69 Burlingame Rd., Cranston, RI

## **Menu:**

FAMILY STYLE CHICKEN (All You Can Eat)  
Salad - Pasta  
Oven Roasted 1/4 Chicken  
Roasted Potato  
Green Bean Almondine  
Coffee and Ice Cream

Tickets are \$25 per person. \$12 per child ages 5-12.  
Includes gratuity

50/50 Raffle – Proceeds to go to the "Keep the Heat On" fund

Also, attendees are asked to make cash donations for "Toys for Teens"  
Teenagers who get overlooked at Christmas time.

For tickets please contact David Legault at 401-595-2893 or  
email [dlegault59@cox.net](mailto:dlegault59@cox.net). Please RSVP by November 26, 2019

*"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, acclaim him with music." – Psalms 95:2*



**OCTOBER "KNIGHT OUT"- On the Rocks**  
**Thursday, October 24, 2019**



*"You are my God, I thank you, all praise to you, my God. I thank you for hearing me and making yourself my Savior." – Psalms 118:28*