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 Our Council's Namesake

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 2/5/2020  
 TIME: 7:00PM

**FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
 DATE: MONDAY, 2/10/2020  
 TIME: 7:30PM

**FEBRUARY KNIGHT OUT**

PLACE: COWSETT INN, WEST WARWICK  
 DATE: THURSDAY, 2/27/2020  
 TIME: 6:00PM

**MARCH OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY MEETING ROOM  
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3/4/2020  
 TIME: 7:00PM

**MARCH COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
 DATE: MONDAY, 3/9/2020  
 TIME: 7:30PM

**MARCH KNIGHT OUT**

PLACE: TBD  
 DATE: TBD  
 TIME: TBD



**Grand Knight's Corner**

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well.

Our Council had a recruitment weekend at Our Lady of Good Counsel church on February 1st and 2nd. Many thanks to our Worthy Chaplain Farther Paul Lemoi for his inspiring account of the Knights of Columbus during his homily and, also the recognition of our Council within the assembly. We are blessed to have such a Worthy Chaplain as Father Paul.

Also, I would like to thank our Worthy Membership Director Brother Robert Brodeur for his enthusiastic acceptance and managing the recruitment weekend. It was a new way of conducting the recruiting and Brother Robert organized it outstandingly. Thank you to all the Brothers that took part at the OLCG recruitment weekend. We will be having other recruitment weekends within the near future.

A few of us will be attending a training with regards to the new degree ceremony that has been instituted by Supreme. The new ceremony combines 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees into one ceremony. It will be performed in the church and family members may attend.

There have been many changes by Supreme within the Knights of Columbus structure these past few years. Hopefully these changes will be successful, and we will continue to build our Council with new members.

Brothers, please consider taking part our Council's programs with family members if possible and with prospective candidates if you know of one. We have business meetings every 2nd Monday of each month. Please attend these meetings to see what our Council is planning and what we have accomplished.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Paul Lemek  
 Grand Knight

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Meeting Place: SS John and Paul Parish Center

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**Two Year Trustee**

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**Three Year Trustee**

Frank Laiter III



# Chaplain's Corner

Brother Knights, on February 26th we will begin our Lenten journey accepting the placing of ashes on our foreheads. Accepting this sacramental is a statement of one's commitment to make the journey using the three elements of Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting. In Prayer we strive to have a stronger prayer life by attending daily Mass, praying the Rosary daily, attending elements of prayer that are offered at our parishes and praying the Stations of the Cross. In Almsgiving many of our parishes still use the familiar Rice Bowl offering box, suggesting that we place any loose change we might at the end of the daily into it, place it where other members of your family can use also. In Fasting, it is more than the attitude of giving up things they we love, it means making time to do things of faith.

As I mentioned at the last meeting map out your journey of Lent now don't wait to think of it as you are receiving your ashes, that is the time of sealing your commitment. Please check with your parish to see what is being offered this Lenten Journey.

Remember to pray the Rosary daily for the sake of the unborn and to attend the monthly Holy Hour for Life. May your Lenten season be a holy one journeying from the ashes of death to the glory of the Resurrection.

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
- PGK Daniel Danis
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer David Legault
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother John Deary (recently deceased)
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Charlie Sweeney
- Brother Dan Sylvester (recently deceased)
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Dorothy Piatek (recently deceased)
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn

*“Yahweh your God is there with you, the warrior-Savior. He will rejoice over you with happy song, he will renew you by his love, he will dance with shouts of joy for you.” – Zephaniah 3:17*



**FAITH IN ACTION – COMMUNITY**



The maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue Ave. and Arnold Rd. will begin again in April with the arrival of warm, spring weather. At that time, if you are interested in lending a hand, we meet most Saturdays there at 9AM.

John Pizzo, Community 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. We are also trying to connect with RCIA candidates at SSJP. 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 – FAMILY**



**Knight Out.** Our originally scheduled date for the Knight Out in February conflicts with a Fourth Degree meeting, so we’ll reschedule to Thursday, February 27. If you would like to join us, please call me at 401-595-2893 or email at [dlegault59@cox.net](mailto:dlegault59@cox.net) so I can get a head count. Also, we were able to achieve our Consecration to the Holy Family requirement for the Columbian Award during the Delta Membership Drive at OLG. Thanks to all who participated.

David Legault, Family Activities Director

**FAITH IN ACTION – LIFE**



- I contacted Fr. Woolley about showing “Unplanned”, an anti-abortion film following Abby Johnson's life as a clinic director for Planned Parenthood and her subsequent transition to anti-abortion activism. He’ll choose from a few which provided (2/28, 2/29, 3/1, 3/6, 3/7, 3/8).
- The 9 Day Novena for Life completed on January 29. If you signed up through the link I provided, you participated by getting daily intercessions and reflections. The priests at SS John and Paul read those intercessions during the Prayer of the Faithful and concluded mass with an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be to end abortion. This fulfills a required Life program.
- 40 Days for Life begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th at the Cathedral. After 12:05pm mass and the distribution of ashes, there will be a procession to Planned Parenthood where participants will pray the rosary for an end to abortion.
- Members of the Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council have participated in vigil during the 40 Days. I suggest Saturday, March 21 with a time to be agreed upon.
- Walking with Moms in Need begins March 25th. Promotes prayer for pregnant and parenting moms via the monthly Pray for Life emails – no actual walking involved. I will send out a link to sign up for this activity. We can never pray enough.

John Murray, Life Activities Director

*“I have told you all this so that you may find peace in me. In the world you will have hardship, but be courageous: I have conquered the world.” – John 16:33*

**JOHN T. DEARY 1939-2020**



We bid farewell to Brother John Deary who went to his final reward on January 22. He served our Council as Chancellor and Warden. He was well known throughout the Diocese, especially to Bishop Gelineau who referred to him as “The Redhead from Coventry.” Brother John was a very active parishioner at St. Vincent de Paul Church and also was active in the Coventry Historical Society. Please pray for the repose of his soul and also for his wife Mary and the entire Deary family in their time of grief

**ANNUAL DUES**

To all Brother Knights who have paid their annual dues – thank you very much! Your dues go a long way and makes it possible for the council to pay its annual per capita bill from both Supreme and State Council. Your dues also help us to pay our annual insurance cost for each member.

For those Brother Knights who have not paid your dues yet, please do so this month. You will have received a second notice in the mail asking you to do so. At the end of the month, I will turn over a list of those Brother Knights who haven’t paid to the Deputy Grand Knight and the Retention Committee to get in touch. Brothers, please do not let it get that far. The last thing this council wants to do is suspend a member for non-payment of dues.

If, for whatever reason, you are not able to pay your annual dues, please contact me at 401-632-7922 or via email at [Narragansett55@gmail.com](mailto:Narragansett55@gmail.com), and we can work something out. All communication with me regarding this will be strictly confidential.

Neil Fidler, Financial Secretary

**DELTA CHURCH RECRUITMENT DRIVE AT OLG C**



The Delta Church Recruitment Drive at Our Lady of Good Counsel on the weekend of February 1-2 was a success. I want to thank all the Brother Knights who gave their time to help me with the drive. I also want to thank Fr Paul for letting us use the rectory for training as well as giving a sermon that was unbelievable.

We had one gentleman who filled out the form and showed interest in becoming a Knight. I will reach out to him and see if he has questions about the K of Cs and what we do. I plan to have other drives but I will need your help. I myself am new to the K of C and will most definitely need your ideas to get other candidates interested in our order.

Robert Brodeur, Membership Director

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Victor Moffitt	February 2
John Folloni, Jr.	February 5
Raymond Piccirilli	February 6
David Florio	February 6
Rev. John “J.D.” Duggan	February 7
Robert Kenehan	February 8
Dr. Douglas DeCubellis	February 14
John Connor	February 15
PGK Daniel Danis	February 16
Frederick Haibon	February 19
Rev. Paul Lemoi, Chaplain	February 25

*“He shall be peace.” – Micah 5:4*