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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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 RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
 Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA
 MEETING ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 11/4/2020
 TIME: 7:00PM

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA
 MEETING ROOM
 DATE: MONDAY, 11/9/2020
 TIME: 7:30PM

DECEMBER OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 12/9/2020
 TIME: 7:00PM

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA
 DATE: MONDAY, 12/14/2020
 TIME: 7:30PM

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 Meeting Place:
 SS John and Paul Parish Center



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

I pray you and your families are well and staying as safe as possible.

Halloween is behind us and now we can focus on a busy month with several important days to remember including All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. The most important day is November 29, when Advent begins the Christmas season leading up to Christmas Day, the birth of our Savior.

The celebration of Fr. Michael J. McGivney's Beatification Mass was held on October 31st at the St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, to begin his journey to sainthood. Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson read an amazing life history of Fr. McGivney and expressed his will to spread good for all and the many accomplishment throughout his life. He created the Knights of Columbus urging all catholic men to continue his mission. He finished with this passage "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad". Now the Knights of Columbus have over 2 million members worldwide. As a Knight watching this beautiful ceremony, I feel a special need to spread his message to all catholic men in our community. Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney pray for us.

On November 11 we celebrate Veterans Day to give thanks for the sacrifices that our brave past and present veterans made to continue to make by defending our country to keep our freedom for future generations. I thank all brother knights who served and continue to serve for our country to keep us safe. I urge you to watch veteran's ceremonies to honor remember their call to duty during our past wars throughout history. I come from a long history of military family members from D-Day, Battle of the Bulge, Korean War, Vietnam War and peacetime tours of duty.

After meeting with the Faith in Action leaders on Tuesday, October 27th at the OLC Parish House, I am pleased to inform everyone our programs have successfully begun and continue throughout the year. These programs are a vital means to spread the teachings of the church. Faith in Action Director Paul Lemek urging members to participate in these programs to be part of what it means to be a knight.
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Supreme Knight

Carl A. Anderson

RI State Deputy

David Quinn

District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)

Michael Colvin

Insurance Agent

Jim Davis

Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council

Officers:

Chaplain

Rev. Paul Lemoi

Grand Knight

David Legault

Financial Secretary

Neil Fidler

Deputy Grand Knight

Brian Mattias

Chancellor

Anthony Machado

Warden

Frank Laiter, Jr.

Treasurer

William Jakabek

Recorder

Thomas Gostomski

Advocate

Patrick Hurley

Inside Guard

James Hall

Outside Guard

Stephen Kukulka

Lecturer

Edgar Brouillard

One Year Trustee

John Pizzo

Two Year Trustee

Frank Laiter III

Three Year Trustee

Paul Lemek



Chaplain's Corner

My Brother Knights as we begin this month of November we have cause for great joy in the Beatification of Father Michael J. McGivney, who will be held in honor each year on August 13th as Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

On November the 1st we honored all the Saints of our Church with the Solemnity of All Saints, it is a day that calls all of us to holiness as we strive to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This month is also known as a Month of Remembrance as we celebrated All Souls day on the 2nd of this month. We in a special way remember our deceased loved ones. As Knights let us especially remember the Knights of our Council who have gone before us and now live in the Kingdom of our God. Especially let us remember those who have passed because of Covid-19. May our prayers give their loved ones strength and consolation.

In the midst of the changing of time and seasons we celebrate a day of Thanksgiving. On that day we are especially called to remember all that our God has blessed us with. May we continue to live out the command of Christ to Love God and Neighbor. Let us also pray for all those in need.

My Brother Knights continue to pray the Rosary daily for the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Maybe in this time of the pandemic strive to pray it as a family each night.

May God continue to bless you and your families; may He keep you all safe.

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
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Alan Ogradnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Tony Favata
- Stephen Mattias
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- The Doucette Family
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

“Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his faithful love lasts forever!” – 1 Chronicles 16:34



DISTRICT DEPUTY'S CORNER

Greetings Worthy officers and brothers of Msgr. Peter Blessing Council!

I pray you and your families are all well in these uncertain times. With the beatification of our founder, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, we should all take heart and look to him as our role model. He ministered to the sick and suffering and died of pneumonia during a similar time as ours in 1890 during the Asiatic flu pandemic. Your council is working hard on its Faith in Action programming and you should all take pride in this.

As part of the Leave No Neighbor Behind program Msgr. Blessing Council is donating to the needy, donating blood for the sick, reaching out in support of our priests and parishes, and contacting our own brothers in acts of fraternal caritas.

I want to thank Worthy Chaplain Fr. Lemoi, GK David Legault, and all the officers and families of the council for participating in the Installation of Officers on October 4th. My great thanks also, for the representation of your council in both the virtual fraternal benefit night on October 13th, as well as the District 6 Meeting held on October 14th. Your council is one of the most vibrant and stalwart in our district.

Membership in RI is doing better still. Your Council has recruited one new member this year, and only needs four more to meet its Star Council quota. I want to encourage you all to try and bring new men into your council. In celebration of Blessed Fr. McGivney's beatification, online membership is free until December 31st with the code mcgivney2020. To sign somebody up just go to www.koc.org/joinus. It has never been easier to recruit a member online and allow him to do his degree on-demand 24/7.

Finally, I want to impress upon you all the imperative need to exercise your civic duty and VOTE! On November 3rd, our nation will conduct one of the most important elections of our lifetime, and possibly of our country's history. Our country and society is at a crossroad. We face critical issues of life, peace, prosperity, and freedom. As Catholics, as Knights, and as Americans, we have a rendezvous with destiny. Choose wisely! Pray the rosary now more than ever. As St. Padre Pio said "Pray, hope, and don't worry".

Vivat Jesus!
Michael Colvin, DD
RI District 6

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER (Cont.)

If you know of Catholic gentlemen that would be interested in becoming a member please let an officer of our council know. Bringing in new members will help bring new ideas to the council.

Please pray for peace in our country during this trying time and for an end to this pandemic.

Join us Monday, November 9th in person at the OLC Parish House at 7:30pm or via zoom if you prefer.

Carolyn and I hope you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Thank you, brothers, for the work you do.

Vivat Jesus!
David Legault
Grand Knight

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

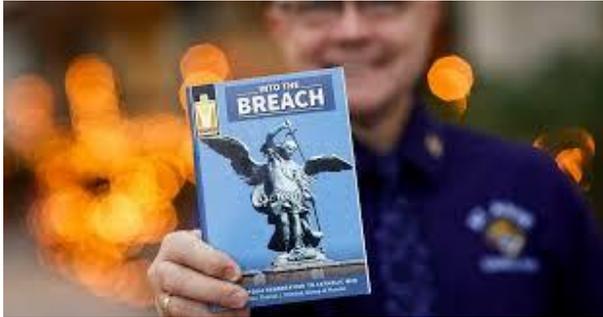


Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

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| Neil Fidler | November 1 |
| David Legault | November 4 |
| 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 |

"Be persevering in your prayers and be thankful as you stay awake to pray." – Colossians 4:2

FAITH ACTIVITIES - INTO THE BREACH



We are nearly halfway through our Into the Breach series, and I do not think it could have gone any better. The Brothers who have attended have contributed lively discussion and great perspectives on the topics presented. There's still time to get in on the discussion! Our next session will be on Life on Thursday, November 5, via Zoom meeting. I will send out the meeting details via email to the Council membership. Please feel free to join us. We would love to hear from you and get your thoughts.

Here is the remaining schedule of sessions which kick off at 7PM each night:

- Nov 5 – Life
- Nov 12 – Prayer
- Nov 19 – Suffering
- Dec 3 – Sacramental Life
- Dec 10 – Spiritual Warfare
- Dec 17 – Evangelization
- Jan 7 – The Cornerstone

At current time due to COVID-19 restrictions, I will be conducting these sessions via online Zoom meetings. However, if restrictions change over the course of the sessions, I will investigate conducting these sessions in person.

Vivat Jesus!
Neil Fidler, Faith Director

FAITH IN ACTION LIFE ACTIVITIES

My Brothers All,

Our Council took part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign by praying Rosaries at the Planned Parenthood facility in Providence and a Diocesan sidewalk Rosary in front of the Sacred Heart Church in West Warwick.

A Novena for Life is scheduled for the beginning of January 2021 to coincide with the March for Life in Washington D.C.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Lemek
Program and Life Director

YEARLY DONATIONS



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A total of \$8,000 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 membership in the October meeting:

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| RSVP (Patrick Ryan/Aidan Blanchette (\$500 x 2) | \$1,000 |
| OLGC, OLC, SVP and SSJP Churches (\$800 x 4) | \$4,000 |
| Our Daily Bread Program | \$500 |
| Mother of Life Center | \$500 |
| Council Charity Fund | \$500 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society | \$300 |
| Coventry Food Bank | \$200 |
| Keep the Heat On | \$200 |
| Senior Priest Retirement Fund | \$200 |
| Coventry High School Transitions to Success | \$200 |
| Project Friends Coventry | \$200 |
| Meeting Street School | \$200 |

Donations will be sent via mail to the recipients due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY ACTIVITIES

My Brothers All,

in addition to the Food for Families Program which we already completed through our \$500 donation to Our Daily Bread, I am also going to pursue two other programs – “Consecration of the Holy Family” on December 27, 2020, and “Good Friday Family Promotion” on April 2, 2021.

I am concentrating my efforts on the OLC & SVDP Parishes, but may involve SSJP and OLCG in the periphery by way of posters, prayer cards, brochures, bulletin announcements, etc. An order for literature items has been placed. I will focus on all Masses at both Parishes for the Feast of the Holy Family - Dec. 27, 2020, and Good Friday Services - Apr. 2, 2021.

Vivat Jesus,
William Jakabek
Family Director

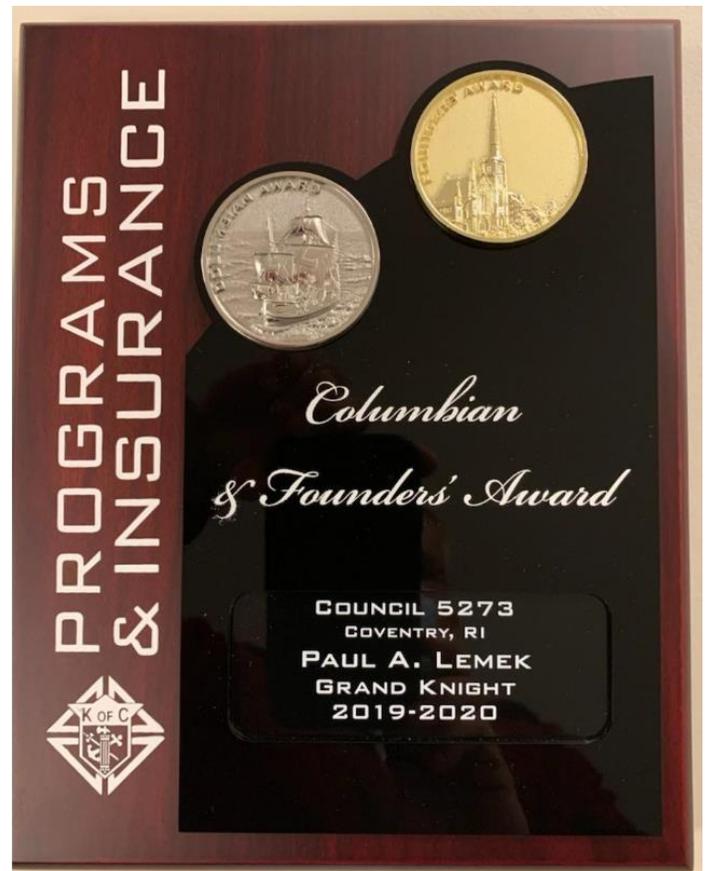


COLUMBIAN AND FOUNDERS’ AWARD

Pictured to the left are Worthy Immediate Past Grand Knight Paul Lemek and Worthy District Deputy Michael Colvin. Brother Paul is receiving the 2019-20 Columbian and Founders’ Award for Blessing Council in recognition of achieving all the goals of the Faith in Action program as well as the Insurance program for the past Columbian year. This is an outstanding accomplishment given the extraordinary challenges presented from the COVID-19 pandemic which began in March of this year.

Brother Paul wishes to convey this message to the council: “I would like to thank all that helped to obtain the Columbian and Founders award last Fraternal Year for our council. Thanks to all our Faith in Action Directors and all those who helped and/or attended the events that attributed to receiving the awards for our council.”

Brothers, we are well on our way to obtaining these awards and our membership quota of seven new Brother Knights for the 2020-21 Columbian Year to obtain Star Council. Let’s not lose our momentum! If you know of a Catholic gentleman who may be looking for something more, be sure to tell him about our Order and council.



"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." - Psalms 28:7

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falconi.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High." Psalms 50:14