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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
 Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 2/3/2021
 TIME: 7:00PM

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
 DATE: MONDAY, 2/8/2021
 TIME: 7:30PM

MARCH OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3/3/2021
 TIME: 7:00PM

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: ONLINE ZOOM MEETING
 DATE: MONDAY, 3/8/2021
 TIME: 7:30PM

WITH CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE, ALL MEETING VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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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.

Our council has experienced the effects of Covid-19 pandemic as several officers and members of the organization have tested positive including myself. Thankfully, everyone has recovered from various symptoms of the virus and the vaccine will soon be available for all soon. Hopefully, life will return to some type of normal so people can feel good again. Some restrictions were lifted recently by the governor possibly more will follow giving hope to being able to meet in person.

The Faith in Action programs are close to completion helping our council to reach its goal to receive the Columbian Award. These programs help to promote charitable, religious, and social support for our community, local churches, and non-profit organizations throughout the year. This council has many individuals that provide their talents and dedication in our mission as knights. As Grand Knight, I am proud of your accomplishments and continued support in these programs. Since the beginning of my term as grand knight I attended most of the events to give patronage for this worthy cause. I cannot be a successful leader without your hard work!

Last Sunday many knights watched the March of Life Celebration in Washington, D.C. for all the babies saved through pro-life education and advocacy all year long. Sadly over 63 million lives were lost to abortion in the United States since 1973. With the new Democratic administration, only 23 percent are pro-life. We need to pray even more for these precious lives. Mother Theresa's quote "God doesn't want us to be successful, he wants us to be faithful" is truly fitting for the millions of Catholics around the world.

With five months left in my term I plan to increase membership in our council through church or social gatherings happening in the community or online marketing. So, if you know of Catholic gentleman that would be interested in becoming a member please let an officer know. Bringing in new members will help bring in new ideas to the council.

During the pandemic and the guidelines set by our Governor, all meetings will remain virtual until all restrictions have been lifted.

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

Join us Monday, February 8 at 7:30pm via zoom meeting.
 Thank you, brothers, for the work you do.

God Bless & Vivat Jesus,
 David Legault
 Grand Knight

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
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 Stephen Kukulka
Lecturer
 Edgar Brouillard
One Year Trustee
 John Pizzo
Two Year Trustee
 Frank Laiter III
Three Year Trustee
 Paul Lemek



Chaplain’s Message

My Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of February it seems as if we are finally getting some winter weather. Yet there are signs of spring, days are starting to stay lighter longer, and nights don't seem to be as long.

On February 2nd, we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation, when Mary and Joseph brought Christ to the Temple. This Feast can remind us of the day of our Baptism when our parents brought us to Church seeking the sacrament of Baptism. We were being presented to the Community of faith.

On February 14th, we will once again begin the Lenten Season on Ash Wednesday. It will more than likely not be a normal presentation of Ashes because of Covid-19. Ashes will be sprinkled on our heads instead of the cross being placed on our foreheads. Remember this is an outward sign of our commitment to live a Holy Lenten season of prayer and fasting. Many of our parish communities may change some of their usual practiced during Lent please refer to your parish bulletins for their details.

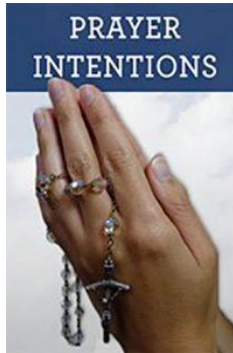
My dear brothers I encourage you to continue to pray the Rosary daily for the Sanctity of all human life. Also, I would suggest that you select one of the Gospels for your daily reading and mediation on the Sacred Word.

I will hold you and your families in my daily Lenten prayers, God bless you all and may you have a holy Lenten season.

Vivat Jesus!
 Father Paul Lemoi
 Chaplain



“Let everything you do be done in love.” – 1 Corinthians 16:14



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- DD Michael Colvin
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK William Moskosky
- PGK Daniel Danis
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Matthew Piatek III (recently deceased)
- Brother Richard Houle, Sr. (recently deceased)
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Matt Parent
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Maureen Robinson
- Beryl Greene (recently deceased)
- Sister Helen Provost (recently deceased)
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

FAITH IN ACTION – FAMILY ACTIVITIES



FAMILY

My Brothers All,

We have completed “Food for Families”, the featured Family Program, and we have completed the “Consecration to the Holy Family” program. I am working on the “Good Friday Family Preparation” Program. More info will come. Also, if the Covid 19 guidelines loosen up going forward, I would like to resume “Knights Night Out”.

Vivat Jesus!
 Bill Jakabek
 Family 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
Father John “J.D.” Duggan	February 7
Robert Kenahan	February 8
Dr. Douglas DeCubellis	February 14
John Connor	February 15
Daniel Danis	February 16
Frederick Haibon	February 19
Father Paul Lemoi	February 25

“Since the whole of the Law is summarized in the one commandment: You must love your neighbor as yourself.” – Galatians 5:14

FAITH IN ACTION - LIFE ACTIVITIES



LIFE

My Brothers All,

As Program Director: I will be looking to having a meeting with all Faith in Action Directors within the next couple of months to see where we are and to go over any unfinished business.

As Life Director: By the time this newsletter goes out, we will have accomplished the Novena for Life. I want to thank the Brother Knights and their families that participated as well as a non-member's family. Continue praying for our nation and the world for the respect and protection of all Life from conception to natural death.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Lemek

FAITH IN ACTION – FAITH ACTIVITIES



FAITH

My Brothers All,

We completed the Into the Breach program with our last session on Thursday, January 7. I would like to thank every Brother Knight who participated in the program, and for the outstanding insight and conversation provided by those men.

Also, at the January's Membership Meeting, I made a motion to obtain four Building the Domestic Church Kiosks. These kiosks would be displayed in each of the four churches we serve provided we obtain the Pastor's permission to do so. So far, Father Woolley of SS John and Paul Church has given his permission utilizing their display kiosk. I am awaiting permission from the other three churches. These kiosks will provide exceptional religious education materials for all Catholics which will help strengthen the domestic church.

Vivat Jesus,
Neil Fidler
Faith Director

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE

February 2021



A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Gospel for Feb. 14, Mk 1:40-42)

What profound faith this leper possessed. He knew beyond a doubt that Christ could heal him and make him clean. The leper's humble cooperation with the healing grace of Christ allowed him to be cured. Do we recognize our own need to be healed? Do we approach Christ in the sacrament of confession with similar faith, saying to the Divine Physician, "If you wish, you can make me clean"? May we continually return to Christ on our knees, aware of our sins, so as to be made clean again through his mercy.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to make a comprehensive examination of conscience at the end of each day and make at least one good and humble confession. Second, I challenge you to begin (or continue) viewing as a council the Knights of Columbus Into the Breach video series, putting a particular emphasis on the "Spiritual Warfare" episode. (FS Note: Completed!)

Questions for Reflection:

The effects of the terrible disease of leprosy were impossible to ignore, but are there times when you forget the seriousness and horror of sin? Do you examine your conscience regularly, so that you might humbly know of your need to be made clean again? Do you seek to avoid those things which lead to sin, or are you careless or prideful when it comes to occasions of sin?

" Encourage me to walk in your truth and teach me since you are the God who saves me. FOR my hope is in you all day long -- such is your generosity, Yahweh." – Psalms 25:5

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

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

*“You must love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength.” –
Deuteronomy 6:5*