

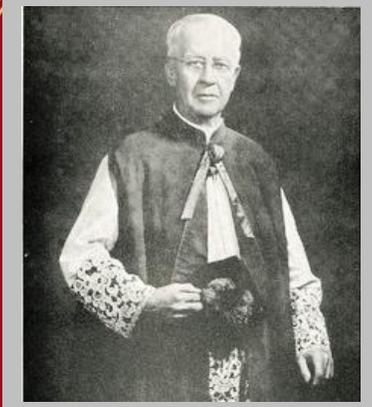


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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
 Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 5/5/2021
 TIME: 7:00PM

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
 DATE: MONDAY, 5/10/2021
 TIME: 7:30PM

JUNE OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6/9/2021
 TIME: 7:00PM

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER & ZOOM
 DATE: MONDAY, 6/14/2021
 TIME: 7:30PM

OUR COUNCIL MUST OBSERVE ALL COVID-19 PROTOCOL AND RESTRICTIONS WHEN MEETING IN PERSON.

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 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.

The month of May brings rebirth to beautiful things that God has us given in nature. In a similar way we as Christians begin to renew our faith by the many good deeds that we perform for those in need especially during this difficult time. On May 9th, we celebrate Mother's Day to recognize the measurable contributions of mothers in building the lives of their children. The last Monday of May we celebrate Memorial Day, an American holiday honoring men and women who died while serving in the military. I urge all Brother Knights to participate in ceremonies that honor these noble individuals who gave their lives for the freedom we share today.

The Faith in Action Programs are complete for the calendar year which ends in June. Program Director, Paul Lemek with the assistance of the Faith, Family, Life and Community Directors have shown the true meaning of what knights can accomplish especially during this terrible pandemic. Our council has achieved the requirements to receive the Columbian Award once again. As Grand Knight, I congratulate these program directors for their dedication and talents and all council members who participated in various events during the year.

Our nominating committee met on April 29th to discuss new officers for Fraternal Year 2021-2022. The outcome of meeting left two seats unfilled. With the assistance of Financial Secretary Neil Fidler and Trustee Paul Lemek these vacancies were soon filled. New Brother Knight Joseph Murphy has accepted the position as Warden and new Brother Knight Jerry McEvoy has accepted the position as Recorder pending council election in June. I give my full approval and will guide them throughout the year.

A membership drive is being planned for June 5th & 6th at SS John and Paul Parish. More details will become available in the next few weeks. The council needs two more members to reach our quota for the year to receive the Star Award. Let us continue to grow our membership, so if you know of Catholic gentleman that would be interested in becoming a member, please let an officer know.

Please pray for peace in our country during this trying time and for an end to this pandemic. Also, join us Monday, May 10th at 7:30pm via zoom meeting. Thank you, brothers, for the work you do.

God Bless & Vivat Jesus!
 David Legault
 Grand Knight

Supreme Knight

Patrick Kelly

RI State Deputy

David Quinn

District Deputy (RI Dist. 6)

Michael Colvin

Insurance Agent

Jim Davis

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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 Message

My Brother Knights,

We began the month of May Honoring St. Joseph the Worker. May he guide and direct our endeavors of labor.

May is the month also dedicated to our Blessed Virgin Mary remembering that her message in her visitation were threefold: pray the Rosary daily, receive reconciliation for our sins and to receive the sacred Eucharist. During this month, please take advantage of the special events in your parish community being offered to honor our Blessed Lady.

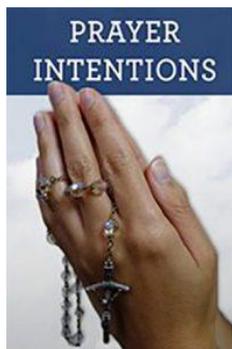
On May the 13th we will be celebrating the feast of the Ascension of our Lord. It is a holy day of obligation. Please refer to your parish bulletins for the times of liturgy on that day.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, until the Feast of Pentecost on May 23rd, we see more and more of creation coming to life. More and more people are starting to care for their please do so safely. At the end of the month of May as a Nation we will celebrate Memorial Day. A day of remembrance of all those who over the years have sacrificed their lives for the sake of freedom not only for our Nation but also for other parts of our world. On that day we also remember all our veterans and those who presently are serving in our Armed Forces.

Congratulations to all our seniors in our high schools and colleges as they prepare for graduation and a new chapter in their life's journey. Continue to pray the Rosary daily for all human life, from natural birth to natural death.

Vivat Jesus!
 Father Paul Lemoi
 Chaplain

"My heart and my flesh are pining away: my heart's rock, my portion, God forever!" – Psalms 73:26



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve.
- Father Anthony Iwuc (recently deceased)
- PGK Angel Ferrer
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK George Paquin (recently deceased)
- PGK Daniel Danis
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denomme
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother Bo Kenahan
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Tony Favata
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Michael Osenkowski
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Maureen Robinson
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

FAITH IN ACTION ACTIVITIES UPDATE



**FAITH
IN ACTION**

Our Council will be receiving the Columbian Award this fraternal year as we have achieved all the program requirements. Special thanks go to Brother Neil Fidler (Faith Director), Brother William Jakabek (Family Director), Brother John Pizzo (Community Director), and I was your Life Director. We all had to be creative during the current pandemic. Congratulations to all and an additional special thanks to all the Brother Knights who took part in our events.

Vivat Jesus!
Paul Lemek
Program and Life Director



Happy Birthday this month to the following Brother Knights:

John Izzo	May 1
Matthew McGuire	May 3
James Hall	May 6
Walter McLaughlin	May 7
Charles Tamuleviz	May 14
Michael Kiley	May 15
Edgar Brouillard	May 19
John Ball	May 23
Matthew Parent	May 23
Nicholas Parent	May 23
Stephen Del Deo	May 24
Ronald DeLalla	May 30

“I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.” – John 15:11

PGK GEORGE PAQUIN (1928-2021)

Past Grand Knight George Paquin went to his final reward on Friday, April 9, just two days short of his 93rd birthday. Brother George served our council as Grand Knight during the 1971-72 Columbian Year. He joined the order in October 1960 and celebrated his 60th year as a Knight last year. Brother George was also a US Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Please pray for the repose of Brother George's soul and for the Paquin family in their time of grief.

IN-PERSON MEETINGS

As you may know, our council had planned on holding our first in-person meeting since the start of the on Monday, May 10, at 7:30PM with a concurrent Zoom meeting for those Brother Knights who do not wish to attend in person. Unfortunately, we are not able to do so for May.

We were informed by Saints John and Paul Church that the main Parish Center was not available to us for May's Membership meeting due to their Silent Auction being set up there. They did make the small classroom in the Parish Center available, but that is too small given the amount of Brother Knights expected and social distancing guidelines put out by the State of Rhode Island. Therefore, our Worthy Grand Knight has made the decision to meet virtually via Zoom meeting only for May. We plan on meeting in person in June and will go back to the SSJP Parish Center for that meeting with a concurrent Zoom meeting. More details to come, and thank you for your patience.

**SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE
May 2021**

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ... This is my commandment: Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Gospel for May 9, Jn 15:9-10, 12-13)

Christ tells us we will remain in his love if we keep his commandments. Saying you love someone can be easy, but it is really our deeds that reveal our love — or lack of it. Christ showed us how to love by his example and by sacrificing his very life for us. To love as Christ commands us to love demands action. The Letter of James says, "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (1:22). May each of us commit to keeping the commandments and offering our very selves in service and sacrifice for others.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to meditate on the meaning of the Ten Commandments in your life by picking one on 10 different days and praying about it for at least 10 minutes. Second, during this month devoted to our Blessed Mother, I challenge you to assist your council in implementing the Faith in Action Rosary program — showing your love of Christ by showing your love of Mary.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you willing to proclaim to others that you love Christ? Does your life show this love by your obedience to Christ and the teachings of the Church, or are there areas of your life where you seem not to heed the Gospel? Are there times when you find it hard to love as Christ commands, and if so, how can you seek to grow in love?

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in your faith, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit you may be rich in hope." – Romans 15:13

Face to face can still be face to face.



*Just because we're apart
doesn't mean we can't meet together.*

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“Where one alone would be overcome, two will put up resistance; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” – Ecclesiastes 4:12