

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!



**THE BLESSING WORD**  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MONSIGNOR PETER BLESSING COUNCIL #5273



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Our Council's Namesake

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JANUARY OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1/5/2022  
TIME: 7:00PM

**JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 1/10/2022  
TIME: 7:30PM

**MASS FOR BROTHER FREDERICK HAIBON**

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 1/12/2022  
TIME: 9:00AM

**FEBRUARY OFFICERS MEETING**

PLACE: OLC MEETING ROOM  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, 2/9/2022  
TIME: 7:00PM

**FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING**

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER  
DATE: MONDAY, 2/14/2022  
TIME: 7:30PM



## Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

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

As we begin the second half of the fraternal year 2021-2022, let us continue our success as an active council. During the last six months we should feel proud of the many accomplishments in Faith in Action programs and special events held at our parishes we serve as a council. This council has a unique group of men that helps promote charity, unity and fraternity during all activities they provide.

Faith in Action programs are near completion helping the council to reach its goal to, once again, receive the Columbian Award. As Grand Knight for a second year, I can't thank you enough for all the accomplishments in the programs we provided to our parishes and community promoting charity and religious support to spread God's word.

During the past two years, this council has added ten new members through membership drives, council events and exemplification ceremonies. We depend on these new members to become an active part of the overall mission to promote the teachings of God through all our programs and activities. Let us continue to grow the membership, so if you know of a Catholic gentleman that would be interested in becoming a Knight please let any officer know.

The increase of Covid-19 cases during the last few weeks has increased my concern toward possibly going back to Zoom meeting. I will make my decision by our next meeting in February if the cases continue to rise.

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

Join us Monday, January 10th 7:30pm in person at SS John & Paul Parish Hall. The availability of Zoom meetings is provided for members unable to attend in person meetings.

Thank you brothers, for all the work you do.

Vivat Jesus!  
David Legault  
Grand Knight

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Jim Davis

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**Deputy Grand Knight**

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**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 a New Year, we all make resolutions some we may keep and some fall by the wayside, hopefully one that you have made is to strengthen your faith life in the year ahead allowing more time for prayer and for God. The great Feast are behind us now and we will be entering into what is known as Ordinary Time in the Church's Liturgical calendar. In reality, there is nothing ordinary when we are speaking of our relationship with our God.

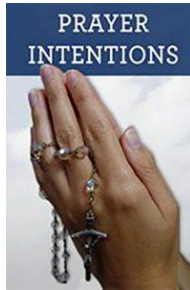
Continue my brothers to pray the rosary for the respect of all human life from the moment of conception to natural death. During this time of pandemic be more conscious of protecting yourself and others by observing the wearing of your mask and the washing of your hands, for in doing so we become our brother and sister's keeper. It is also an act of respecting the dignity of human life.

May God's blessing be upon you and your families in this New Year we have just begun. Be mindful that He walks with you always.

Vivat Jesus!  
Father Paul Lemoi  
Chaplain



*"His saving help is near for those who fear Him, His glory will dwell in our land." – Psalms 85:9*



- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Our Bishops Tobin and Evans
- The Priests of the parishes we serve
- Father John “J.D.” Duggan (recently deceased)
- PSD/FDD/PFN/PGK James Kiley, Sr. (recently deceased)
- PSD/FVSM Saverio Giusti (recently deceased)
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK Michael DeAngelis, Jr. (recently deceased)
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer William Jakabek
- Brother Frederick Haibon (recently deceased)
- Brother Joseph “Emile” Lavoie (recently deceased)
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Jim Hall
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Stephen Mattias
- Michelle Legault
- Wyatt Canfield
- Eric Thatcher
- Savannah Brodeur
- All US military personnel
- The Unborn
- All who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Tom Gostomski (79)	January 1
David Canfield (38)	January 2
Stephen Kukulka (59)	January 7
Patrick Hurley (82)	January 12
Dale Cross (71)	January 18
Earl Mahar (84)	January 21
Anthony Machado (70)	January 24
Anthony Favata (77)	January 25
Philip Vanasse (73)	January 27
Scott True (50)	January 30
Richard Sullivan (84)	January 31

**JOSEPH EMILE LAVOIE  
1925 - 2021**



Brother Emile Lavoie went to his final reward on the morning of December 20, 2021. Brother Emile was a US Navy veteran of World War II. He joined the Order in December 1984 and was a third degree member. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

*“It is not anyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven.” – Matthew 7:21*

**FAITH IN ACTION EVENTS FOR 2021-22**



**FAITH – Director, Neil Fidler**

- RSVP – Support of Seminarians - COMPLETED
- Novena and for canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney - COMPLETED
- Maintenance of Domestic Church Kiosks - ONGOING
- Marian Prayer Breakfast/Living Rosary – COMPLETED
- Novena for Persecuted Christians - COMPLETED

**FAMILY – Director, William Jakabek**

- Food for Families ONGOING
- Consecration to the Holy Family - COMPLETED
- Good Friday Family Promotion (Lent 2022)
- Reinstitution of “Knight Out” - NOTE: NO JANUARY AND FEBRUARY KNIGHTS OUT DUE TO INCREASED CASES OF COVID IN THE STATE

**LIFE – Director, Paul Lemek**

- Pregnancy Center Support - COMPLETED
- Silver Rose Prayer Service - COMPLETED
- Novena for Life (January 2022)
- Planned Parenthood Protest/Rosary Prayers during 40 Days for Life campaign - COMPLETED

**COMMUNITY – Director, John Pizzo**

- Annual Car Show at SSJP - COMPLETED
- Funny4Funds Comedy Show - COMPLETED
- Coats for Kids (Nov-Dec) – ONGOING
- Veterans Park Maintenance - ONGOING

Thank you for all you do!

Paul Lemek  
Program/Life Director

**SUPREME CHAPLAIN’S CHALLENGE**

**January 2022**



**And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Gospel for Jan. 2, Mt 2:9-11)**

In so many ways, Jesus was not what was expected. He came to us not as a powerful earthly king or military leader, but as the helpless child of a poor family. Even so, the pagan Magi recognized the child as a newborn king. The true dignity of all human beings can at times be difficult for us to see and recognize. But, like the Magi, may we look past appearances and see the true worth of every human person — and rejoice in the gift of life.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month, I challenge you to offer one decade of the rosary each day — individually or as a family — for the intention of life. Second, I challenge you to participate with your brother Knights in the Novena for Life, March for Life, and/or Pregnancy Center Support Faith in Action programs.

**Questions for Reflection:**  
How can you live your life in such a way as to inspire a change of hearts and minds to a pro-life position? What concrete actions can you take to build a culture of life, such as supporting pregnancy resource centers? How can you better incorporate praying for life into your own prayer life?

*“Like new-born babies all your longing should be for milk -- the unadulterated spiritual milk -- which will help you to grow up to salvation, at any rate if you have tasted that the Lord is good” – 1 Peter 2:2-3*