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RI State Chaplain 1913-1957
 Our Council's Namesake

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 2/9/2022
 TIME: 7:00PM

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

MARCH OFFICERS MEETING

PLACE: SSJP RECTORY CONFERENCE ROOM
 DATE: WEDNESDAY, 3/9/2022
 TIME: 7:00PM

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

PLACE: SSJP PARISH CENTER
 DATE: MONDAY, 3/14/2022
 TIME: 7:30PM



Grand Knight's Corner

My Brothers All,

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

During my second term as grand knight, I have witnessed the special talents that our members showed during the program and events provided to the parishes we support. Even the State Deputy, David Quinn had the opportunity to witness our charity, unity and fraternity during our Awards and Donations Banquet last fall. I'm proud to be a part of this very active council and hope that my remaining five months as grand knight will be as successful as the previous seven.

My main goal before the end of the fraternal year is to grow the membership through a Delta Church Drive that is planned for some time in the spring at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church in Coventry. We depend on these new members to continue the overall mission, to become an active part to promote the teachings of God through all our programs. If you know of a Catholic gentleman that would be interested in becoming a member, please contact an officer or myself.

The Faith in Action Programs are nearly complete with our next event is the Good Friday Family Promotion on April 15, 2022. Also, the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk in all four churches has been very successful and books are refilled when needed. The Coats for Kids Program before Christmas provided 120 individuals with a warm coat for the winter months. These coats were purchased for the proceeds of the Funny for Funds Night last September. Our goal to receive The Columbian Award once again is a reality. Kudos brothers!

Last month I expressed my concerns on the pandemic and increase of cases since the holiday season. My decision is to remain meeting in person wearing a mask and provide zoom capabilities for those unable to attend,

Join us Monday, February 14th 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, and please pray for peace in our country during this trying time and for an end to this pandemic.

Vivat Jesus!
 David Legault, Grand Knight

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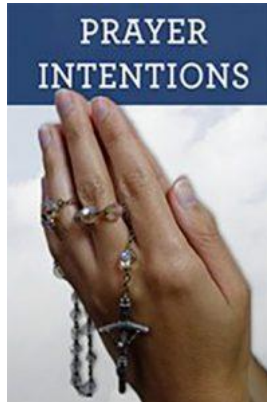


Chaplain's Corner

No Chaplain's Corner this month.



"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
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- GK David Legault
- Chancellor Anthony Machado
- Treasurer William Jakabek
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Alan Ogrodnik
- Brother Len Denomme
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Keith Parent
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother John Murray
- Brother Jim Hall
- Lucille Ferrer
- Bernadette Favata
- Veronica Brouillard
- Nancy Giolitti
- Henry Giolitti
- Mary Deary
- Monique Colvin (recently deceased)
- 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



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following Brother Knights:

Victor Moffit (72)	February 2
Jerry McEvoy (71)	February 3
John Folloni, Jr. (89)	February 5
Raymond Piccirilli (71)	February 6
David Florio (66)	February 6
Robert Kenahan (87)	February 8
Dr. Douglas DeCubellis (50)	February 14
John Connor (75)	February 15
Fr. Paul Lemoi (73)	February 25

WELCOME NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS!



Our Council held an Exemplification for Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, and we welcome two new Brother Knights into our council. Welcome to Brothers Gerard Legault and Edwyn Barrios! Brother Gerard is the father of GK David Legault and Warden Richard Legault and the grandfather of Brother Bryan Legault. Brother Edwyn comes to us from Texas and will soon become a Field Agent for the Knights in the Rhode Island jurisdiction. Also, welcome to Deacon Walter Foster of SS John and Paul Church who transferred over from his former council in Maine.

“Let love be without any pretense. Avoid what is evil; stick to what is good.” – Romans 12:9

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 - COMPLETED
- 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 - COMPLETED
- 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) – COMPLETED
- Veterans Park Maintenance - ONGOING

Thank you for all you do!

Paul Lemek
Program/Life Director

SUPREME CHAPLAIN’S CHALLENGE

February 2022



When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” (Gospel for Feb. 6, Lk 5:8-10)

Simon Peter recognizes Jesus for who he is and deems himself unworthy to be in his presence. Jesus, in calling the fisherman to follow him, tells him not to fear. Every one of us is a sinner, and yet Jesus calls each of us to follow him. It is not our own virtues or qualifications, but rather Jesus who empowers us with his grace to respond to his invitation. Brothers, remember St. Paul’s words: “I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me” (Phil 4:13).

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to go to confession and attend at least one weekday Mass, offering it for the intention to fearlessly answer Christ’s call to follow him. Second, I challenge you to participate in or consider starting the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you sometimes afraid to follow Christ more closely because you consider yourself too sinful and unworthy? Do you truly believe in and experience Christ’s mercy and seek to forgive yourself as well as others? Do you stay close to the sacrament of penance in order to do battle with your own sinfulness and allow God’s grace to strengthen you for spiritual combat?

“Hatred provokes disputes, but love excuses all offences.” – Proverbs 10:12