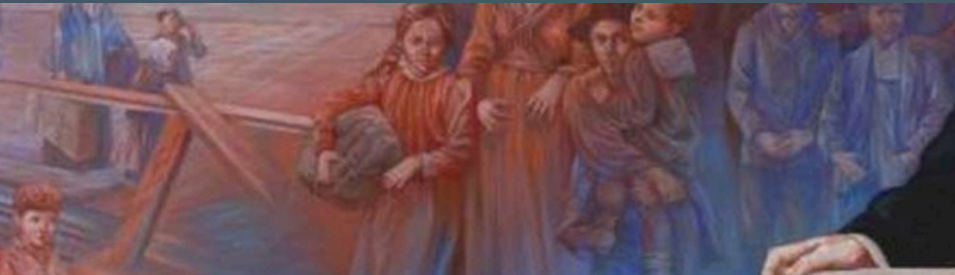


THE BLESSING WORD



Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council #5273 Knights of Columbus



Grand Knight's Corner

WILLIAM JAKABEK, GRAND KNIGHT

My Brothers all!

I can't believe it's been six years since I joined the Knights of Columbus ... and it was a result of meeting Brother Paul Lemek in the entrance of Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church during a Blessing Council Membership Drive. I was interested in joining for some time, but it was Brother Paul's verbal energy and strong commitment to our Catholic faith that pushed me to take the plunge.

Looking back, it was one of the best faith decisions I've ever made as it came at a time when I was starting my retirement and was actively looking for a way to broaden and enrich my Catholic faith, and give back to my Lord, and my community. I have completely enjoyed my participation within the Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council and have been blessed to have befriended so many wonderful Brother Knights that helped me achieve my personal and faith growth.

During my tenure as a Knight, I have served as the Council's Recorder, Parish Round Table Ambassador, Treasurer, and have actively participated in numerous Council activities. Now, I find myself taking on the position of our Council's Grand Knight. I want to express my sincere thanks to all Brother Knights for electing me and placing your trust in me as its leader. I am truly humbled, and extremely excited to take on this task. I humbly ask you all for your prayers and assistance.

Going forward, I would like to lead the wonderful men of our Council on the never-ending quest of bolstering the three main core foundations of our faith-driven organization, namely Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Thanks to the many endeavors of our IPGK Brian Mattias, and all former Grand Knights, Officers, and Members, this on-going mission has been successful, but ... we can't stop there! During my term, I would like to place even more attention to the core foundation of Fraternity. To accomplish this, I'll need creative feedback, and help, from all Council members, officers, and program directors. I know that we can do this, as I have already heard several tenured and new Brother Knights present new and exciting activity ideas that would surely promote Fraternity. Keep the ideas coming, and please volunteer to serve on a committee that can bring these ideas to fruition. I challenge all members to make a pledge to attend membership meetings (via Zoom or in person) whenever possible, participate in these meetings by suggesting new ideas and activities, join in on discussions, and volunteer to join those committees that are of interest to you. (Continued on Page 3)

Upcoming Events

July Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 7/3/2024
Time: 7:00 PM

July Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 7/8/2024
Time: 7:30 PM

August Officers Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Wednesday, 8/7/2024
Time: 7:00 PM

August Membership Meeting

Place: OLC Meeting Room
Date: Monday, 8/12/2024
Time: 7:30 PM

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445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY



Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

Well summer is here! It is hot, humid and rainy so wait a few minutes and the weather will change. Be safe this summer. School is out and sometimes children are playing in the streets so keep alert. Stay faithful to your church attendance. Summer does not

mean time away from God. Try to attend daily Mass if possible, maybe as a family. Pray the Rosary daily especially for increase vocation to the Priesthood and Religious life. Pray for the sanctity of all human life. Be mindful of elderly neighbors especially in times of extreme heat.

Thank you all for that special Saturday evening. It was a great time being with brother Knights and their families. The food was great and plenty.

God bless, have a good summer and be safe.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

July 2024 Challenge



When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (Gospel for July 28, Jn 6:5)

Jesus can do anything, but he often expects his disciples to participate in his work. Notice that although Jesus performs the miracle, it is the disciples who find the boy with the loaves and fishes, distribute the food and collect the leftovers. We must reject the error of quietism — the idea that activity has little to no place in our spiritual life — and recognize that we have an active role to play in Christ's sacred mission.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to support one effort to serve the poor and those most in need in your community.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you recognize that Christ has work for you to do in this life? When you see suffering around you, is your first response to consider what Christ might be asking you to do? How can you grow in your awareness of the tasks Christ is asking you to undertake?

Prayer Intentions

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- Bishop Henning
- The Priests and Deacons of the parishes we serve
- All Bishops and Priests
- GK William Jakabek
- FDD/PGK John Pizzo
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK/PFN Frank Laiter III
- PGK David Legault
- Brother Anthony Machado
- Brother Len Denommee
- Brother Paul Lacroix
- Brother James Kmon
- Brother Matt Parent
- Brother Jim Hall
- Brother Gerard Legault
- Brother Frank Laiter, Jr.
- Brother Lucien Laporte
- Brother Peter Blais
- Brother Nicholas Delfino-Whitaker
- Lucille Ferrer
- Diane Belanger
- Mary Deary
- Shirley Laiter
- Sue Rossetti
- Doris Legault
- Mary Lawlor
- Michel Brouillard
- Tim Dwyer
- Eric Thatcher
- Charles Gemmell
- Barry Smith
- Eleanor Smith
- John Dolan
- Joe McCarthy
- Marc Pelletier
- Matthew Mahar
- Suzanne Burke
- Robert Firth
- Nancy Whitaker
- Thomas Jendzejec (recently deceased)
- Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)
- Jovantey (Just Prayers)
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn

MONTH OF JULY

IS DEDICATED TO THE
MOST PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF JESUS



THE BEAUTY OF MY CATHOLIC FAITH





July Birthdays

Paul Lemek (74)	July 6
Joseph Murphy (63)	July 9
Lee Rossetti (66)	July 14
Henry Giolitti (67)	July 17
Walter Williams (75)	July 18
Thomas Carroccia (68)	July 23
Michael Laiter (58)	July 30

Brother Raymond Byrnes (1941-2024)



Brother Raymond Byrnes passed away at his home on June 9, 2024. He was 82. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 59 years Annmarie (Fusco) Byrnes in September 2022. Brother Ray was a Third-Degree Knight and Honorary Life Member having joined the order and our council on October 1, 1986. He was a parishioner of Saints John and Paul Church and was a member of the choir. Brother Ray was also a veteran of the Rhode Island National Guard during the Vietnam War era and was honorably discharged in January 1967. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Grand Knight's Corner (continued)

Lastly ... As we do every year, our Council will be participating in the four K of C "Faith in Action" Programs ... Faith, Life, Family, and Community. PGK Paul Lemek will be the "Faith in Action" overall Program Director, and each of the four programs will have its own director. These four directors will need help, and this will be a perfect opportunity for tenured, and new Members to get involved and participate in activities. Brother Paul will be providing more information about the actual programs chosen, and the individual Director names soon. Yes, our Council takes on these Programs in hopes of achieving Supreme recognition and awards (Columbia, Founders, McGivney and Star, etc.), but please remember, we primarily take them on to promote our individual Catholic faith, parish faith, parish and community involvement, and most importantly ... to carry on Blessed Michael McGivney's vision, legacy, and mission.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all at future membership meetings and getting to know you all better at the after-meeting collations.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Jakabek – Grand Knight

Patriotic Degree Report

PAUL LEMEK



The Color Corps of the Father Wallace Assembly attended the Ordination of Father Jairon G. Olmos and Father Joseph M. Brodeur by Bishop Henning at the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral on Saturday, June 29. There was a great turnout of around 30 Sir Knights as well as 60 or 70 Priests and Deacons.



Membership Report

BRIAN LAWLOR, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

1. We held a Delta Church Drive at Saints John and Paul Church with Worthy Brother and Pastor Father Woolley's direction.
 - Thanks to the seven Brother Knights who helped out at the four masses.
 - We had five men complete membership inquiry forms. One of the five, Dathan Belanger, joined our council.
 - We conducted an Information Knight for two potential members on June 18 with ten Brother Knights from the council joining the event and describing their positive experiences as Knights.
2. We exemplified Nicholas Votta as a new member on June 24. This brought our total to eight new members thus meeting our quota to qualify for Star award for the 2023-24 fraternal year.
3. We exemplified Henry Giolitti, brother of recently deceased Brother Knight Mark Giolitti, and Dathan Belanger who became a new members effective July 1, 2024. We start our new year at two new members.
4. DGK Richard Legault has agreed to help with our work to create a Columbiettes Auxiliary in the new fraternal year.

Life Activities

PAUL LEMEK, LIFE DIRECTOR



I will be asking for donations of baby essentials such as diapers and wipes, which I will deliver to the Mother of Life Center during their open house on Saturday, August 17. The Open house tours start at 11:30 am. There is usually a cookout a little later. I will send out an email to the Council with more details later.

Welcome New Brother Knights!



Recently, our council welcomed three new Brother Knights during an Exemplification Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Our new Brother Knights are:

- Dathan Belanger
- Henry Giolitti (brother of our dearly departed Brother Knight Mark Giolitti and ceremony honoree for last night)
- Nicholas Votta

Thanks to those Brother Knights and family members who attended the ceremony to support our new Brother Knights. Also, well done to our crack Degree Team who did a fantastic job! Please welcome Brothers Dathan, Henry and Nicholas to our council. Welcome Brothers!

Also, please welcome Brother George Jonic who has transferred to our council from Father McSwiney Council #2525 on Cape Cod. Welcome Brother George!

Lastly, please welcome back Brother John Simonelli and Brother Tom Kelly to our council who were in the affiliate program but expressed a desire to return to active status with our council. Welcome back, brothers!

The addition of these six Catholic gentlemen to our council strengthens us and increases the bonds of unity! VIVAT JESUS!

Pictured above, receiving their Full Knighthood certificates, are (clockwise from upper left) Brothers Dathan Belanger, Henry Giolitti, Daniel Tolentino and Joseph Petraitis.

Father Paul Appreciation Dinner

OUR LADY OF CZENSTOCHOWA SCHOOL GYM
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2024



More photos on our website at coventryknights.org/activities.htm.