

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Grand Knight's Corner

WILLIAM JAKABEK, GRAND KNIGHT

Hello Brothers All!

Yay!!! We have just entered March, the "Meteorologic" beginning if Spring, and perhaps some opportunities to play some Golf!!! February was a busy, and productive month for our Council ...



- With Brother Neil Fidler at the helm (he's the State Director of the Tootsie Roll Drive), we held a casual, and enjoyable "Kick Off" gathering and dinner on Friday, February 7. Numerous council Tootsie Roll Drive chairmen from around Rhode Island attended, placed their council's Tootsie Roll order, and enjoyed a fine cuisine of hot dogs, salads, and beverages. Thanks to all Brother Knights who made the meal and event happen!
- We held our annual Delta Membership Drive at Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul Churches at all Masses on the weekend of February 22-23. We obtained one transfer in, Brother Chris Boley who moved to Rhode Island from Brooklyn, NY. Welcome Chris! Several other interested men took home the "Why Join" pamphlet and an Info/Interest card. Thank you for all Brother Knights who were speakers, and those who were ambassadors!
- We held our annual Funny4Funds Comedy Night, along with our partners, the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Friday, February 28. It was a rousing success with around 130 attendees. Everyone had a great time! The comedians were wonderful, and the audience was very generous. We netted \$6,166. Thank you to all Brother Knights and Vincentians who volunteered their time to this cause.
- We started the process of creating a Columbiettes Women's Auxiliary. Supreme has given its approval, and FS Neil Fidler and DGK Richard Legault are spearheading this initiative. If you know of a Catholic woman, age 18 or older, who is interested, have them contact Brothers Neil or Richard.

March looks to be a busy month also. We'll be dealing with managing our new K of C ETF investment once our legacy account at Vanguard is converted to a brokerage account, planning our annual Donation Banquet, updating our council by-laws, planning officer nominations for the 2025-26 Fraternal Year, spring clean-up of the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of Tiogue Ave. and Arnold Rd., and much more. **Please consider participating in these endeavors.**

Lastly, Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is the time before Easter when Catholics prepare to commemorate Jesus' Resurrection through prayer, penance, and fasting. I found a Lenten Prayer (on Page 2) and thought I would pass it along to all Council Members. Have a blessed and inspiring Lenten Season all.

Vivat Jesus!
Bill Jakabek – Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

March Officers Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom
Date: Thursday, 3/6/2025
Time: 7:00 PM

March Membership Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom
Date: Monday, 3/10/2025
Time: 7:30 PM

April Officers Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom
Date: Wednesday, 4/9/2025
Time: 7:00 PM

April Membership Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom House
Date: Monday, 4/14/2025
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

Men of St. Joseph International Men's Conference

Place: St. Philip's Church, Greenville, RI
Date: Saturday, 4/26/2025
Time: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Note: See Page 6 for all the details

Family Golf Outing

Place: Foster Country Club, Foster, RI
Date: Saturday, 5/3/2025
Time Noon Check-in
Note: See Page 5 for all the details

Men of St. Joseph - COR Meeting

Place: SSJP Rectory Chapel/Conf. Room
Date: Every Last Thursday of the Month
Time: 6:30 PM

Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council Holy Hour

Place: SSJP Rectory Chapel
Date: Every Thursday
Time 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Note: Sign in book at entrance

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445 WASHINGTON STREET, COVENTRY



Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No message this month.



Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

March 2025 Challenge



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles." (Gospel for March 2, Lk 6:43-44)

Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

Questions for Reflection:

To borrow an old question: If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you? Where do you see room for improvement in turning your faith into action? What opportunities does the Knights of Columbus provide to help you bear good fruit?

Prayer Intentions

- Our Holy Father Pope Francis
- All Bishops and Priests
- GK William Jakabek
- PGK/PFN Herb Knott
- PGK/PFN Frank Laiter III
- PGK David Legault
- Brother Anthony Machado
- Brother Len Denomme
- 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
- Brother Devin Favino
- Brother Henry Giolitti
- Lucille Ferrer
- Diane Belanger
- Mary Deary
- Shirley Laiter
- Sue Rossetti
- Doris Legault
- Mary Lawlor
- Michel Brouillard
- Eric Thatcher
- Charles Gemmill
- Barry Smith
- Eleanor Smith (recently deceased)
- John Dolan
- Joe McCarthy
- Matthew Mahar
- Robert Firth
- Nancy Whitaker
- Ellen Deck
- Julia Sottnik
- Karen Clark
- Jessica Maynard
- Anita Laporte
- Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)
- Jovantey (Just Prayers)
- All US military personnel active and former
- The Unborn





March Birthdays

James Dacey (85)	March 3
Michael Greene (69)	March 3
Paul Lacroix (86)	March 6
Thomas Kelly (63)	March 8
Stephen Bert (67)	March 11
Richard Legault (67)	March 11
Christopher Dyl (78)	March 15
Leonard Denomme (81)	March 21
Joseph DaSilva (91)	March 22
John Tally (80)	March 30
Michael Byrne (64)	March 30
Jaroslaw Lewkowski (60)	March 31

Membership Report

NEIL FIDLER, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Delta Membership Drive at OLC/SVdP. Thanks to all Brother Knights who were “ambassadors” and “speakers” at our latest Delta Membership Drive in February at Our Lady of Czenstochowa and St. Vincent de Paul Churches. Special thanks go to WGK Bill Jakabek and Worthy Advocate John Murray who led the drive in my absence. The drive went well, and resulted in at least one Brother Knight transferring in. Our ambassadors spoke to the Catholic gentlemen of both parishes, and we pray that one or more answer the call!

Upcoming Membership Events. The Membership Committee will meet in March to discuss how better to engage prospective candidates for Knighthood such as Information Nights, face-to-face meetings, etc. Stay tuned for more information!

Columbiettes Auxiliary



During the February Membership Meeting, our council voted to go forward with the effort to create a Columbiettes Auxiliary. DGK Richard Legault and FS Neil Fidler are working with Patricia Jarvis as well as Columbiettes Supreme President Jeanne Mucci, Past Supreme President Pamela Desaulniers and RI Territorial Deputy Claudette Apple in doing so. 25 women are required to start a new Columbiettes Auxiliary. Currently, there are 11 women who expressed interest in joining - some are wives of Brother Knights, living and deceased. Any practical Catholic woman, 18 years or older, is eligible to join. If you know of any Catholic woman who would be interested, please contact either DGK Richard Legault or FS Neil Fidler. Thank you!



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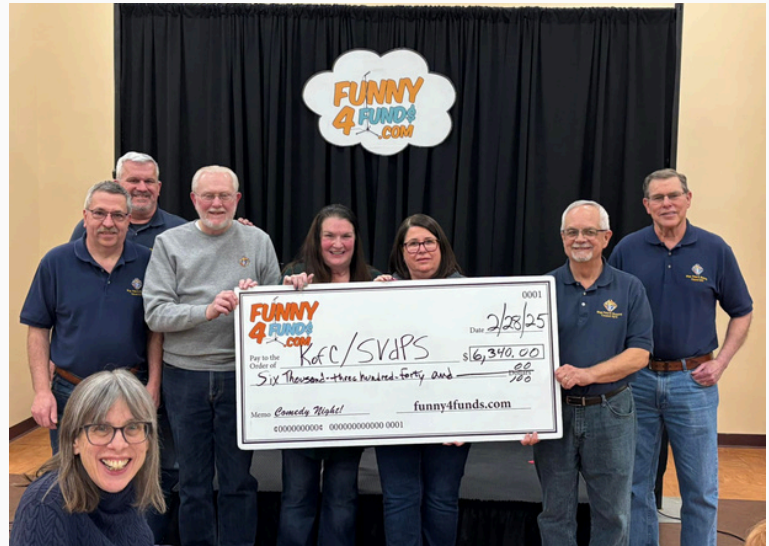
Knights Above and Beyond



The Grab 'n' Go/Elder Delivery program is run by our friends and St. Vincent de Paul Society out of the Our Lady of Czenstochowa School kitchen. Brother Knights from our council who help out are Bill Jakabek, Brian Mattias, Paul Lemek, Richard Legault, Guy Lasorsa and Walter Williams. These Brother Knights go above and beyond preparing and delivering approximately 100 meals every Saturday morning to local people in need. Well done, Brothers!

Funny4Funds Comedy Night

SSJP PARISH CENTER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025



Our Funny4Funds Comedy Night held on Friday, February 28, at the Saints John and Paul Parish Center, with our St. Vincent de Paul Society friends, was our most successful yet! The event raised over \$6,000! What a great night it was of laughs, raffles, friends and fun! A hardy well-done to everyone who made this event possible! We look forward to next year's event!

Star Council



At a recent Membership Meeting, our Worthy District Deputy Joe Burns presented Past Grand Knight Brian Mattias with the Star Council award for the 2024-25 Fraternal Year. Star Council is awarded to councils who fulfill their membership and insurance quotas as well as accomplishing the Faith in Action required activities in a fraternal year. This is the fifth straight year that Blessing Council has earned this award. Congratulations to all Brother Knights in our council for making this happen!

Raffle Tickets for RSVP Program



Blessing Council will once again conduct a raffle ticket drive to fund out Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) to support Seminarians and Postulants. Raffle tickets will be available at the March Membership Meeting. Also, the council will be selling raffle tickets during an upcoming weekend at our churches, and sign-up sheets to help out with that endeavor will be available at the March Membership Meeting on Monday, March 10. Please consider signing up to help out.



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FAMILY GOLF OUTING

**18 Holes of
Golf with Cart
and Lunch at
the Turn**

SATURDAY

MAY 3

**AT FOSTER COUNTRY
CLUB**

**67 JOHNSON RD,
FOSTER, RI 02825**

Check-in: 12:00pm

Shotgun start: 1:00pm

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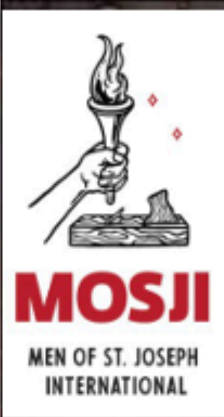
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Saturday, April 26,
2025
St Philip's
Parish Center

15th Annual Men's Conference

- JOIN US FOR A DAY OF
- * *Inspired Talks*
 - * *Praise & Worship*
 - * *Holy Mass*
 - * *Breakfast & Lunch*
 - * *Table Discussions*

**“Go into the world
and proclaim the
Gospel to everyone”**
Mark 16: 15

Doors open at 7:30 AM

Conference ends at 3:30 PM

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Keynote Speaker
David Nodar
Founder of ChristLife



MOSJI Chaplain & Speaker
Rev. Michael Najim

Funny4Funds Comedy Night, February 28, 2025

