

THE BLESSING WORD



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



Grand Knight's Corner

WILLIAM JAKABEK, GRAND KNIGHT

Hello Brothers All!

I hope that you, and your families are doing well. The month of May flew by, and as usual, we Brother Knights of the Msgr. Peter E. Blessing Council were busy during the past month. Two major highlights ...

- On Saturday, May 3rd, in collaboration with Aptt Law, LLC, Blessing Council held its first "Family Golf Outing" which was hosted at the Foster Country Club. We enjoyed fantastic weather that enabled ten foursomes of adults and children to have a wonderful time enjoying lunch, playing golf, chasing the ball, and sharing lots of fun and camaraderie. Thanks to Worthy Recorder Geoff Aptt, Esquire, from Aptt Law, LLC, and all the other Brother Knights of the Blessing Council that participated and worked hard with planning and execution. It was great fun, and a fantastic success. We raised \$1,500 which was donated to support the new Athletic Dept. at Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope. Well done!!! We hope to make this an annual event.
- Blessing Council held our annual "Donation Event" on Sunday, May 18th. We had a wonderful donation presentation ceremony at Our Lady of Czenstochowa Church, followed by an excellent continental breakfast at the OLC Parish House. Charitable donations is "What We Do", and this year's event was outstanding. Thanks to all of our Brother Knights that participated, especially those Brother Knights that helped plan the breakfast, and helped set up. All of the donation recipients expressed their sincerest appreciation for our monetary charitable donation.

Looking forward to June, our Officers and Membership Meetings are coming up on June 4th and 9th respectively. I ask that all Brother Knights please consider attending the June 9th Membership Meeting. We will be holding our "Election of Officers" for the upcoming 2025-26 fraternal year. As Grand Knight, I will be appointing the council's "Faith in Action" Program Directors and Committees. Please go to this link (<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/index.html>) to see what programs we offer, and which ones you might be interested in. Please consider participating on a committee. Our meeting takes place in Classroom #3 in the old OLC School, kicking off with our collation at 6:30 PM, followed by the Membership Meeting that begins at 7:00 PM. Our council's success relies on the involvement of our Brother Knights in various ways.

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a devotion which began in the 12th Century and gained popularity after Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s, revealing to her the image of His Sacred Heart.



A Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus ... Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

Vivat Jesus!
Bill Jakabek – Grand Knight

Upcoming Events

June Officers Meeting

Place: Anthony PNA, 15 Meeting St., Coventry
Date: Wednesday, 6/4/2025
Time: 7:00 PM

June Membership Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom 3
Date: Monday, 6/9/2025
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

July Officers Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom 3
Date: Wednesday, 7/9/2025
Time: 7:00 PM

July Membership Meeting

Place: OLC School Classroom 3
Date: Monday, 7/14/2025
Time: 7:00 PM with collation at 6:30 PM

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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Chaplain's Message

FATHER PAUL LEMOI

No message this month.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI

June 2025 Challenge



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always."

(Gospel for June 8, Jn 14:15-16)

Last month, we reflected on how Jesus probed Peter three times with the question "Do you love me?" Here we have an answer to what it means to truly love Jesus — by keeping his commandments, as expressed in Scripture and in the teachings of the Church. The monthly challenge for March underscored how our faith bears fruit in what we do. Let us remember that to keep the commandments for love of Christ is to allow the Holy Spirit to bear good fruits in our lives.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to use the Catholic Information Service® resource *A Guide to Confession*, which is organized around the Ten Commandments, to examine your conscience and then go to confession.

Questions for Reflection:

What is your response to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" Do you show your love for Christ in how you live? In what ways do you need to become more attentive to the commandments and the teachings of the Church?



Prayer Intentions

Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV

All Bishops and Priests

GK William Jakabek

PGK/PFN Herb Knott

PGK/PFN Frank Laiter III

PGK David Legault

Brother Anthony Machado

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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

Brother John Ball (recently deceased)

Brother Gerard Heroux (recently deceased)

Brother Stanley Jendzejec (recently deceased)

Lucille Ferrer

Diane Belanger

Mary Deary

Shirley Laiter

Sue Rossetti

Doris Legault

Mary Lawlor

Michel Brouillard

Eric Thatcher

Charles Gemmell

Barry Smith (recently deceased)

John Dolan

Joe McCarthy

Matthew Mahar

Robert Firth

Nancy Whitaker

Ellen Deck

Julia Sottnik

Karen Clark

Jessica Maynard

Anita Laporte

Matthew Mahar

Richard and daughter (Just Prayers)

Jovantey (Just Prayers)

All US military personnel active and former

The Unborn



June Birthdays

Fr. Christopher Mahar (55)	June 2
Michael Emmett (71)	June 6
Timothy Cook (56)	June 6
Ryan Switzer (52)	June 8
Roger Cyr (77)	June 13
James Kiley, Jr. (72)	June 13
Peter Blais (68)	June 15
Dennis Belanger, Jr. (37)	June 15
Stanley Jendzejec (91)	June 16
Geoffrey Aptt (41)	June 16
Edward Rice III (55)	June 17
Cornelius Fitton, Jr. (82)	June 24
Vincent Rinaldi (94)	June 28

Erica Tremblay Shea Fundraiser

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**SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2025
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Diane Tremblay (401) 525-1096 Pat Johnson (401)556-1567**

Erica was the daughter of our council Brother Knight Bob Tremblay and sister of Brother Knight Ryan Tremblay. Please consider supporting this wonderful fundraiser for a great cause!

Welcome New Brother Knight!



Congratulations and to Brother Edmund Hathaway who attained full Knighthood during an Exemplification of Charity Unity and Charity on Monday, May 12, at the Our Lady of Czenstochowa School. The ceremony honoree was Pope Leo XIV. Welcome aboard to Brother Eddie and his family!

St. Gabriel's Call Fundraiser

**SSJP Respect Life Breakfast
Fundraiser
to benefit St. Gabriel's Call**

**Sunday, June 8, 2025
after the
7:30AM & 9:30AM Masses
in the Parish Center**



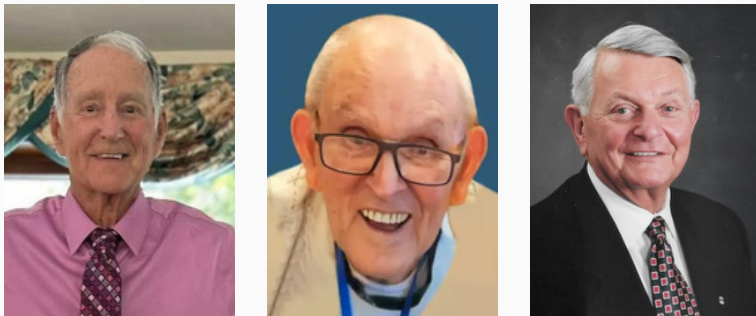
Adults \$20, Children 12 & under \$5

Menu: Fruit cup, pancakes, scrambled eggs, grilled sausage, home fries, baked beans, English muffins, toast, juices, coffee & tea.

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses are also available at the rectory office beginning Monday, May 19th.

Please consider supporting this fundraiser for a very worthy cause!

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord



The month of May was a difficult month for Blessing Council as three Brother Knights went onto their final reward. **Brothers John Ball, Gerard Heroux and Stanley Jendzejec** were all valued Knights with a grand total of 101 years of service to the Knights of Columbus and far more years in service to Our Lord and His church. Brother John Ball, age 92, was a St. Vincent de Paul parishioner and served as our recorder from 2006 until 2013. Brother Gerard Heroux, age 96, was an Our Lady of Good Counsel parishioner who was part of that important infusion of new Brother Knights from that church ten years ago. Brother Stanley Jendzejec, age 90, was an Our Lady of Czenstochowa parishioner and joined the Knights ten years before our council was created in 1952. He was a charter member of our council. Please pray for the repose of the souls of our departed Brother Knights and for their families.

Father Wallace Assembly Cookout



In place of their regular July business meeting, Father Wallace Assembly #1055 will be holding a cookout consisting of hamburgers and hot dogs on Thursday, July 10, at 6 PM. The location for the cookout is St. Mary's Mission, 70 Church Street, West Warwick. All are welcome, and goodwill donations to support the Assembly's activities will be greatly appreciated!

Tootsie Roll Drive



Thanks to all Brother Knights, and especially Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman John Murray, for the very successful 2025 Tootsie Roll Drive on the weekends of May 17-18 at SSJP and May 24-25 at OLC and SVP. A grand total of \$2,400 was raised. Well done, Brothers!

Officer Elections at June Membership Meeting



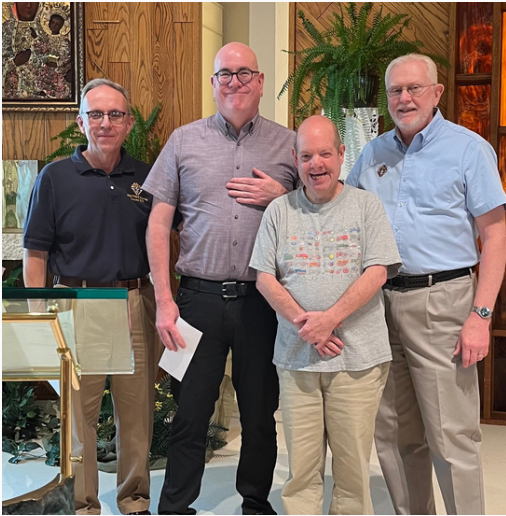
Brothers, as the Worthy Grand Knight mentions in his GK Corner, our officer elections will be held during the June Membership Meeting, on Monday, June 9, starting at 7 PM. Please make every effort to attend. The Nominating Committee makes the following recommendation for the 2025-26 Fraternal Year:

Grand Knight - William Jakabek
Deputy Grand Knight - Richard Legault
Chancellor - John Pizzo
Treasurer - Jerry McEvoy
Advocate - Geoffrey Aptt
Recorder - Johann Donall
Warden - Daniel Tolentino
Inside Guard - James Hall
Outside Guard - Stephen Kukulka
Trustees - Frank Laiter III, Paul Lemek, Brian Mattias

One thing to keep in mind is that any Brother Knight who is Third Degree may run for any office he wishes. If in the case a Brother Knight steps forward as a counter nomination, a paper ballot will take place for that position. Otherwise, the proposed slate of officers will be voted in.

Blessing Council 2025 Donation Event

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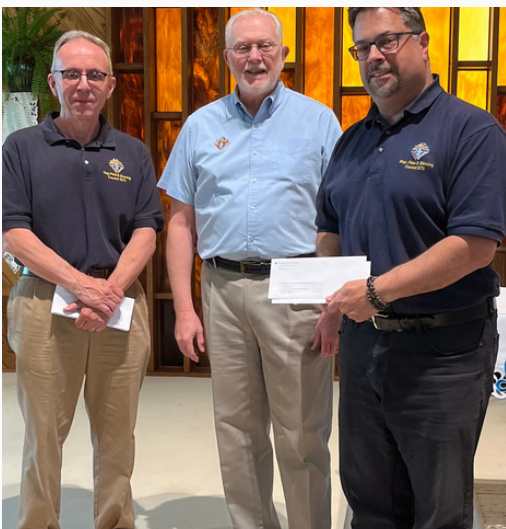
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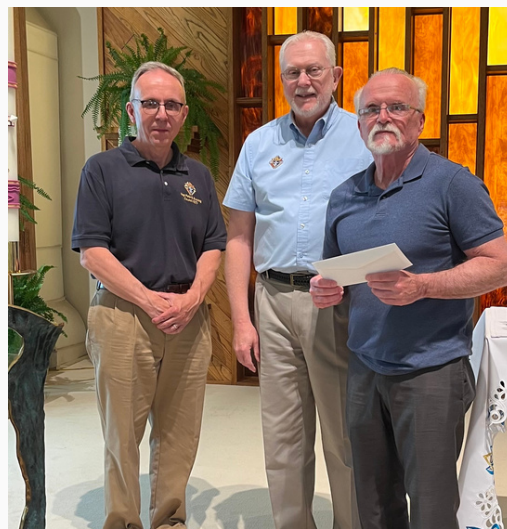
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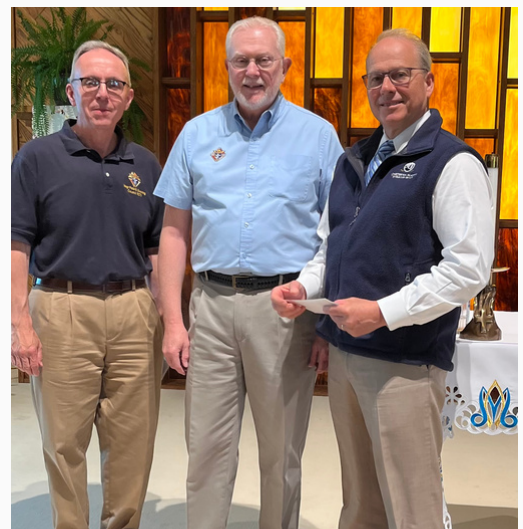
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