



Knights and Days, the newsletter of

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Council news

Election of Officers for Fraternal Year 2019-2020 were held at the May Business Meeting. Congratulations to all who have chosen to serve. Following is the slate of Officers who will lead us beginning July 1, 2019: Grand Knight Paul Bourget, Deputy Grand Knight Jonathan Taft, Chancellor OJ Auger, Warden Joe Crisafulli, Advocate Matt Belair, Recorder Don Hoard, Treasurer William Desrosiers, Inside Guard Marc Pare, Outside Guard Chris Hoard, Trustee 3 yr Jack Tracy, Trustee 2 yr Bud Garceau, Trustee 1 yr Jeff Gaulin. The position of Financial Secretary is an appointed one (by Supreme) and we are awaiting confirmation of our nominee. The positions of Chaplain and Lecturer are also appointed (by the Grand Knight) and are yet to be named.

Congratulations are also in order for State Treasurer Dave

Bebyn on his re-election at the State Convention.

Community Program News

Our annual KANDI Drive was once again successful. We raised over \$1300 to support our donations programs to groups such as the Woonsocket Wildcats and Rhody Rangers Special Olympics teams.

Faith Program News

Our Chaplain, Fr. Kelley, has requested a presence of Knights for the Corpus Christi Procession around his parish, St. Agatha. The procession will take place on Corpus Christi Sunday (June 23rd) at the conclusion of the 11 am Mass.

Family Program News

The annual **Teens R Dynamite** fundraiser took place on May 18th at St. Agatha's Church



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Hall from 5-7 pm. This is an annual cooperative effort of the RI State Council, St. Francis Council and our own Council with the help of Councils throughout the State. Special notice to Scott Blanchette of Pascoag Council who join us for the food prep. This most important effort raises funds for the 2 (of what once were 9) Youth Centers left in our Diocese. They are the **Fr. Marot Center** here in Woonsocket and **Rejoice in Hope** in Cranston. Preliminary results show a net of over \$4500 (there may be Councils that have yet to contribute).



Fr. Marot Center (above) and Rejoice in Hope (below)



Also on the 18th, was the Mommies Minions Fundraiser to assist a young family whose mother died unexpectedly. We raised \$2000 for this worthy cause.

Membership News

As was announced at our last meeting, DD Matt Belair has submitted his transfer request to Supreme which has acknowledged it. Thus, Matt is now a member of our Council. Welcome!

Events of Note

June 9th – Pentecost Sunday

June 10th – Council Awards Night (see above)

June 15th – State Golf Tourney (see below)

June 16th – Father's Day

June 23rd – Corpus Christi Procession @ St. Agatha

June 24th – Business Meeting

June 28th – State Meeting in Narragansett



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PSD Rene Trudel, Bill Casey, Terry Gervais (wife of Gerry), Linda Majewski (wife of Tim), Ray Riel, PGK Stanley Eason, Gerry L'Esperance and all our Brother Knights who are ill or in distress and/or their family members.

Happy Birthday!

The following Brother Knights have birthdays in June: ST Dave Bebyn 6/5, Paul Buteau 6/1, Don Cszimesia 6/18, Philip Desautels 6/9, John Dionne 6/15, Armand Dufresne 6/29, Matthew Green 6/27, Mell Mann 6/7, John Powell 6/23, Marc Rene 6/15, and Walter Santos 6/17

If you see them, wish them the best.

Prayers Requested



Ongoing prayers are asked for PGK, DD Bud Garceau and his family as he (& sister Donna) continues to battle ALS.

We also ask you to continue to pray for Bishop Gelineau, Armand Houle,

Grand Knight Notes



Brothers and friends,

This will be my last entry as your Grand Knight. My time at the head of the Council has been a very worthwhile endeavor. I cherish each of you as Brothers and friends. I know you will give my successor (Paul Bourget) the same unwavering support you have always shown me. Now the "bad news", I am not going far, I will serve as one of the Council's Trustees, continue the Council's Charity Raffle efforts and be



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involved in our fundraisers and 125th Anniversary celebration.

As we move forward into the next Fraternal year, I encourage you all to stay engaged and to become as involved as your situation allows (but remember – family first). July 1st begins our 125th year as a Council and big things are ahead. The best way to know what is happening is to attend meetings, read the newsletter, and check the website. Reach out to Brothers who may have been away for a while and try to bring them back.

Yours in Christ

- Jack Tracy

Vivat Jesus!

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