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125th Anniversary



The 125th Gala Celebration will be held October 3rd. We will begin with a 4 pm Mass before proceeding to St. Ann's Arts & Cultural Center for the Gala Dinner. The M. F. Quinn Award for lifetime service and the N. David Bouley Award for Service to Faith & Community winners have been chosen. The Annual Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Woman of the Year have also been chosen and will be recognized that night. The awards have been crafted and are in the Council's possession. Here's hoping we are finally able to celebrate this major milestone in a fitting manner.

N.B. – the date listed is current, revised due to Pandemic restrictions

Installation of Officers

Installation of Officers will be held on August 16th at 9:30 am Mass @ All Saints (the Council home).

Events of Note

- August 4th & 5th Supreme Convention to be held virtually
- August 10th Planning meeting
- August 16th Installation of Council Officers
- August 24th Business Meeting

Congratulations

The following news was confirmed at the RI State Organizational Meeting held on July 18th: I am pleased to report that the Council has satisfied all requirements to earn the McGivney Award for membership growth, the Founder's Award for Insurance/Fraternal Benefits, and the Columbian Award for Programming. Earning all 3 awards qualifies us for Star Council with enough new members brought in to make it Double-Star (the award plaque will be presented at a future State Meeting). I also applaud the new members for jumping right in and being active.



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Star District

Congratulations also extended to the Council for being an integral part of a Star District. A Star District is one which meets Membership & Fraternal Benefits goals and has at least 1 Star Council. This also was confirmed at the Organizational Meeting. Job well done.



GK Paul Bourget receiving Star District Recognition Certificate from DD Jack Tracy

Programming Notes

We are continuing our program of "gift" card donations for the foreseeable future. We will distribute them within the community based on a need list provided by the Diocese of Providence. Donations may be

sent to DGK Nick Gaulin at 12 Papineau Ave., Woonsocket 02895.

In last month's newsletter there was an article concerning Holy Trinity Parish's Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Festival, suggesting anyone wishing to assist could offer their help, though the Council would not be coordinating any effort. Unfortunately, the parish has found it necessary to cancel the Festival outright. They will still hold their raffle as it is a significant fundraiser. Anyone who would like to support the raffle is encouraged to contact the parish regarding the purchase of tickets.

The *Silver Rose Program* is still expected to be held this year with virtual presentations encouraged by Supreme. More information will follow as Rhode Island's time frame is announced.

The Council will be conducting a *Novena for Life* beginning on August 1st (today) and continuing through August 9th. This Novena will be conducted through the Council email platform through



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daily missives. If you can't participate on the actual days of transmission it is perfectly fine to do so on your own schedule. The important thing is to participate in this significant prayer program.

Both of these programs are lifeaffirming ones which the Council has consistently supported over the years.

The **Teens R Dynamite** fundraiser scheduled for September 19th has regrettably been cancelled. The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry determined that it would be best to simply wait and run the fundraiser next May in its "normal" season.

The Family of the Month for July is the Jon Brien Family. The Brien's were recognized for their devotion to their parish, the photo below was taken during a brief break in their food pantry duties. Coincidentally, the family of GK Paul Bourget, Jon's father-in-law, was June's Family of the Month.



(I to r) Denise Bourget, GK Paul Bourget, Jon Brien, Nicole Brien, DD Jack Tracy

Congratulations to both families. And thank you to Don Csizmesia for his work on this program.



The following Brother Knights have birthdays in **August:** Matt Belair 8/18, Robert Brodie 8/6, Eugene Cotnoir 8/16, Michael Deslauriers 8/12, Marc Forget 8/16, Deacon Gene Garceau 8/1, Jerry Houle 8/1, George Jutras 8/14, Marcel Laliberte 8/24, Don Morse 8/31, Bob Noel 8/03, Joe Riel 8/5, Rich Riel 8/14, Jose Rodriguez 8/31, Geno Sivo 8/26, and Dave Tout 8/8. And in early **September**: Ed Burke 9/4, Joshua Desrosiers 9/3, and Guy Guilbault 9/4.



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If you see them, wish them the best.

Prayers Requested

For all those suffering due to the pandemic.

We ask you to continue to pray for Bishop Gelineau, Deacon Gene Garceau & the entire Garceau family including Donna Guevremont (Bud Garceau's sister), Armand Dufresne, Ray Riel, Normand Riel (brother of Ray), PGK Stanley Eason, Kristen Jarrett (widow of SK Jerome Gedrites), Florence Houde, Theresa Shunney, PSD Rene Trudel, Terry Gervais (wife of Gerry), Linda Majewski (wife of Tim), Gerry L'Esperance and all our Brother Knights who are ill or in distress and/or their family members.

And, I selfishly add a request for prayers for a healthy pregnancy for Kara (Tracy) & past Deputy Grand Knight Jonathan Taft and thanksgiving for same.

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