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## Reminders

**Forms:** The February Audit (#1295) is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. Also due is the IRS form 990 (most councils can do it online with the postcard format). **Don't let this slide, if you lose the status to file this form it is a nightmare to re-establish eligibility.** If you have not yet sent in your Council Fraternal Survey (#1728) it is overdue (1/31). Same for the Special Olympics report.

**Meetings:** Supreme and State Per Capita charges have been assessed and are currently due.

We are currently in the planning stages for 2 very important meetings, the State Convention at the end of April and the Patriotic Degree Biennial Meeting at the beginning of April. Delegate Credential Forms for the State Convention can be found on the State Website ( [kofcri.org](http://kofcri.org) ) and are due to State Secretary Joe Carrigan ([statesecretary.rikofc@gmail.com](mailto:statesecretary.rikofc@gmail.com)) by April 13th.

**All per Capita payments must be current in order to seat your delegation.** Resolutions must be submitted to State Advocate PJ Shea ([sheapi517@gmail.com](mailto:sheapi517@gmail.com)) by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

In addition to the above item, State Secretary Joe Carrigan notes Per-Capita bills were sent out a few weeks ago, if your council has not received their invoice, please reach out to your DD, or directly to him. Delegate forms for the state convention are on the state website, remember council per-capita must be paid for your council delegate to be seated. Finally, Insurance bills will be emailed to your Grand Knights and FS later this week, beginning next week. Again, if you don't receive them, please reach out to SS Joe directly. Remember EVERY council needs to carry liability insurance pursuant to Diocesan mandate. The state council takes out this insurance for all its subordinate councils and it is the cheapest insurance at this year's cost of \$2.09 per billable member.

Biennial Meeting forms have been emailed to the Navigators & Comptrollers, return to the Executive Secretary ([ijklmc.tracy@gmail.com](mailto:ijklmc.tracy@gmail.com)) by February 29<sup>th</sup>. Resolutions for the Biennial Meeting must also be sent to the Executive Secretary by February 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Safe Environment:** We are now well over halfway through the year. If you have not yet achieved Safe Environment Compliance, **PLEASE** get it done now. The training doesn't take long and is the most important thing we can do for our youth. And both the Supreme Council and the Diocese of Providence require it in order to work in our parishes (& our youth). This not only protects our youth, but it also protects your Council.

## Dates of Note

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – Spring 40 Days for Life begins  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> – State Meeting (Barrington)  
February 24<sup>th</sup> – Day of Prayer for Ukraine (Woonsocket)  
February 29<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for 4<sup>th</sup> degree Biennial Resolutions & Delegate forms  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – deadline for State Convention Resolutions  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – State Basketball Free Throw championship  
March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday  
March 28<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday  
March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday  
March 30<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday  
March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday – He is Risen!

## Recent Program Highlights

**Disaster relief:** Community Director (& District 4 Warden) Peter Brissette recently arranged for Disaster relief funds from the Supreme Council to be funneled to RI. These funds were in response to the recent flooding losses here in RI. The funds were distributed to flood victims through a joint effort by the State Council and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

**Pro-Life Dinner:** The newly renamed *James Gilcreast Memorial Pro-Life Dinner* was held on



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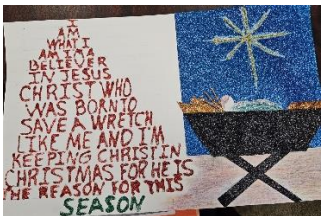
January 13<sup>th</sup> at St. John Paul II parish in Pawtucket. This year we saw an increase in attendance & thus funding for the Pro-Life Organizations in RI. Life Director Paul Gebhart has proven to be a worthy successor to PSD Jim Gilcreast as event Chairman.

### Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:

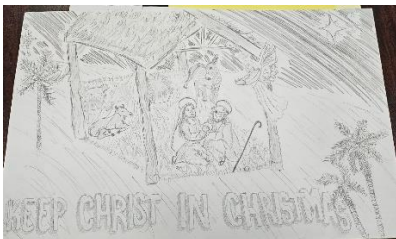
The selection of State winners of the KCIC Poster Contest was done at the recent State Meeting hosted by Narragansett Council. Event Chair DD Warren Rensehausen has now forwarded the winners to the Supreme Council for judging. Below are the winning entries from RI.



Above Left: K winner Phoenix Karevicius – Bristol Council, right: 1-2 grade winner Maggie Liu – St. John Paul II Council



Left: grade3-4 winner Konnor Santos – Lincoln Council, right: 5-6 winner Logan Hetland – St. Teresa-Delaney Council.



Grade 7-8 winner Julianna Gonzalez – St. Augustine Council

**Citizenship Essay Contest:** Allison Groves a senior at LaSalle Academy and a parishioner at St. Augustine's parish in Providence, was selected

as the 12<sup>th</sup> grade winner of the Catholic Citizenship award for her essay on **"How can the Church Evangelize in the Digital Age?"**



(L to R) John Olobri, St. Augustine Treas. & Allison's grandfather, Fr. Christopher Mahar, pastor of St Augustine, Allison and GK Bob Chase presenting the award certificate.

## Upcoming Program Highlights

**40 days for Life:** The spring 40 days for Life Campaign begins Ash Wednesday and runs through March 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to join in peaceful prayer for the conversion of hearts to a pro-life stance each day outside Planned Parenthood (across from the Cathedral Of SS. Peter & Paul).

**Lenten programs:** A number of local Councils have planned programs to take place during Lent, which starts February 14<sup>th</sup>. I encourage Councils to submit info to the State Technology & Media team for inclusion on the State Website Event Calendar. These events can be in any of the **Faith In Action** categories. e.g. – Donnelly Council hosts a number of Holy Hours at their home parish of St. Mark's in Cranston, Woonsocket Council has an Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast to support the Council's charitable endeavors. St John Paul II & St. Teresa-Delaney Councils are once again jointly holding Lenten Fish Fry events. And I am sure there are many others around the State.

**Basketball Free Throw:** The State Basketball Free Throw Competition is tentatively scheduled for the evening of Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Details are still



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being worked out and will be released when finalized.

**N.B.** – The State Contact information can be found at the end of the newsletter.

## *Day of Prayer for Ukraine*

On February 24th at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Woonsocket (394 Blackstone St) there will be an evening of prayer and worship marking the 2nd anniversary of Russia's full scale invasion of Ukraine. The program includes Prayer, Divine Liturgy (Mass) and a presentation.

**3:30 PM Rosary Prayer** - led by The Knights of Columbus of Rhode Island

**4:00 PM Byzantine Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**, celebrated by the pastor, Fr. Mykhaylo Dosyak

**4:45 PM "Common Man for Ukraine"**, a Rotary Club project presented by Susan Mathison from Plymouth, NH, describing their efforts to help the children and orphans of the current war in Ukraine.

<http://www.commonmanforukraine.org>

## *Reminder!*

Don't forget Form #10784 – copies to Bob Lynch – [programskofcri92@gmail.com](mailto:programskofcri92@gmail.com) as well as Supreme, & your DD.

## *Patriotic Degree News*

District Master Vic Silva thanks the Sir Knights who turned out in Color for the recent Altagracia Mass at the Cathedral (with Bishop Henning as Principal Celebrant and Homilist) as well as the Memorial Mass for PSD Jim Gilcreast sponsored by St. Philips Council (Jim's Home Council).

Save the Date! April 4<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled date for the Biennial Meeting of the Jurisdiction of RI. This is the Patriotic Degree equivalent of the State Convention when we choose our preference for the District Master position for the next 2 years

(beginning in September 2024). The selection will then need to be ratified by the Supreme Council. **Please Note: ANY 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight** may attend this meeting. The Executive Secretary for the Patriotic Degree will be sending out Delegate Selection forms during the second week of January.

The Spring Confirmation Schedule is out and has been emailed to the Navigators and Color Corps Commanders (those on record).

A final item: District Master Vic Silva has begun a Newsletter for the Patriotic Degree which he is distributing to the Assemblies.

## *Membership News*

Brothers,

Please remember that **Free on-line membership is still in play**. The code is **BlessedMcGivney**, which is one word and not case sensitive. Let's continue to bring in those extra hands & new ideas. While programming is the heart of the Order, membership is our lifeblood. Also remember that Membership Director Mark Paul and the State Officers & District Deputies are here to help with your efforts whether it is Delta Drives, Exemplifications, or other recruiting efforts.

Exemplifications are held frequently by a handful of Councils (Delaney-St. Teresa, Donnelly, Bristol are frequent hosts) (Woonsocket Council hosts one every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday prior to their Business meeting). Check the State Website Events Calendar ([kofcri.org](http://kofcri.org)) regularly. If you wish to host your own, there are people willing to help, but please let the Website team know in advance so it can be added to the website event calendar.

## *Fraternal Benefits*

Our Fraternal Benefit agents are willing to work hard on your behalf. You still need to host or attend at least 2 Fraternal Benefit Nights/Events during the Fraternal Year. Touch base with your Field Agent about



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## State Meeting

The next State meeting will be Hosted by St. Luke Council on **Thursday, February 22, 2024, 7 PM** at: St. Luke Church, Basement Hall, 108 Washington Road, Barrington, RI

Doors will open @ 6:30pm.  
 Collation/refreshments following

## A Note of Fraternal Concern

Brothers, while we are making progress, our membership is still older. Implicit in that is the fact that we have many older members with medical issues. These Brothers often are unable to regularly attend meetings and functions. This can lead to Councils losing track of them and, unfortunately, should they pass away, we fail to recognize their significance and membership in our Order. I am asking that the word be spread among your membership and families to be vigilant to the passing of a Council member or Council family member and relay the information to the Grand Knight.

*Regardless, we must be informed to properly **Honor the Dead.***

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