



St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 11684



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Newsletter

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Mission Statement: Our Mission is to embrace the principles of Father Michael J. McGiveny, founder of the Knights of Columbus. Our Council goal is to demonstrate Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, provide service to our parish community and school, affirm the "right to life" and lead by example.

Welcome to Our Summer Issue!



Well, its summer which means sunshine, beach, barbeques, and all the other stuff that goes along with 80-90 degree temps. I coach fastpitch softball so I know where I will be spending my time. This will be a three month issue. After that, we will publish our newsletter every other month. We hope our paper gives you an idea of what we do at the Knights.



Yup! We are at it again. Our second 2018 trip to slot machine heaven will be Sunday, August 12th with buses leaving promptly at 12:30 pm. You'll want to arrive at noon to help us leave on time.

As in the past, the cost is a mere \$25 which will probably be the last time we can offer it at this price. Bus costs go up and we will have to go with the increase. This terrific deal includes a free buffet or \$10 off a meal at a restaurant of your choice. You will also receive a Foxwoods card with \$15 worth of free tokens.

To add a little excitement on the ride to Foxwoods, we will be having a 50-50 raffle on each bus. The church will get 50% of the pot while you get the other 50%. What a deal!

By leaving at 12:30 pm, we should arrive at Foxwoods by 1:30. That will give you 5 hours to eat, shop, try your luck at the machines or tables, plus maybe get in a little

exercise with just strolling around the area.

We will leave at 6:30 pm from the bus departure area (same place as when we came to Foxwoods) and will get home about 7:30 pm.



To reserve a spot on the bus, tickets will be sold after Mass starting in mid-July. You can also contact Grand Knight Bob Evangelista at (401) 374-3090 if that is easier. We usually sell out for this trip so if you or any of your friends would like to go, don't wait. Everyone has a really good time going to Foxwoods.

Hope you can join us!

"I'd rather attempt to do something great and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed."

Robert H. Schuller

May Breakfast

We would like to thank everyone who attended the May Breakfast. We had 124 attendees which was an increase over the previous year. It seems like every year we get bigger. Thanks!

Blood Drive



We have another Blood Drive scheduled at a date to be set in August. Our first Blood Drive this year attracted 21 potential donors with 17 units donated. Our goal was 14 so once again the Drive exceeded expectations because of your thoughtfulness and caring for others. Won't you

please help the RI Blood Bank fill their need for blood? Thanks in advance.



Every Tuesday morning from 9:30-11:30, St. Thomas serves the needs of those who are less fortunate than ourselves by donating food.

The Pantry has a crew of dedicated people, including four of our Knights, who give their time to make sure those in need are given not only food but hope.

During the summer months the Food Pantry will give anyone who must complete community service a chance to fulfill those obligations. It will also give those who serve weekly some time off. Won't you please help? If interested, contact Father John at 272-7118.

Spring into Summer" Raffle

Do you like money? Well, we have an opportunity for you to walk away with some of the green stuff. How? By taking a chance in our "Spring into Summer" Raffle. Prizes for this extraordinary event will be \$250 for 1st prize, \$150 for 2nd and \$100 for 3rd. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at mass in late May or early June. The drawing date will be after Mass on June 30th in the church hall during our "Coffee and...". Only 200 tickets will be sold. Don't miss out.



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“Coffee and....”

Speaking of “Coffee and..”, please join us on June 30th for not only the raffle drawing but refreshments and a chance to win one of nine raffle prizes that we will be giving away. It doesn’t cost anything. It’s a freebee. It’s our way of saying thank you to every parishioner in St. Thomas and the Holy Cross parish for being a dedicated supporter of the Knights of Columbus.

Future Council Meetings

For our fellow Knights and for those who would think they might like to attend a meeting to see what we are all about, here is a meeting schedule for the summer months. All meetings will be held at 7:00 pm in the church hall on:

- May – 29 (mtg & officer nominations)
- June – 5 (mtg & elections) 19 (regular mtg)
- July – No meeting
- Aug – 7 (regular mtg)
- Sept – 4 (mtg & officer installation) 18 (regular mtg)

Happy Father’s Day!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 11684, we wish all dads and granddad’s a very Happy Father’s Day. Hope you have a great day that is filled with love and family. Think they will wash the car for you? After all, it is Father’s Day. Don’t forget the Armour All and vacuuming, too.



Congratulations to Our New Third Degree Knights!

On Wednesday, May 23rd, Richard Diefenbach, Bruce Hookway and Paul Larocque attained their 3rd Degree

(Knighthood) in the Saint Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council #11684. This is quite the achievement and something that we are all proud of.

Richard, Bruce and Paul were joined by 22 other Knights throughout the state in attaining 3rd degree with 35 Brother Knights watching the ceremony.

As a matter of fact, our Council was asked to conduct this 3rd degree ceremony by the Knights State Council. That is quite the honor. Actually, it is second time that we have done it this year.

Please congratulate Richard, Bruce and Paul the next time you see them.

PS. A special thanks go out to Don and Phyllis Martone and Lori Martone Robert on the outstanding job on the collation. Thank You!

“There are no limits to what you can accomplish except the limits you place on your own thinking.”
Brian Tracy

State Council Recognition

At the last Knights State Council meeting and also during the 125th Annual RI Knights



Convention, recognition was paid to our council for having a 200% increase in recruitment. We were the only council out of 47 councils within RI to be recognized for such an achievement. This is a tribute to all of the Knights for their involvement within our council. And a special kudo goes out to Ren Leonelli who has spearheaded this drive. Nice job!

Knights Corner



As we did in our last newsletter, we will highlight one of our Council members who

is an entrepreneur. Next up on our list of future Bill Gates, is Bill Sherlock.



As you can see by his business card, Billy does a number of jobs from refinishing furniture, snow removal (ugh!) and the removal/disposal of rubbish from yards and basements. He even cleans out houses as well. He’s your one stop man for cleaning up your property. Give him a call!

Happy 4th!

Here’s wishing everyone a very happy and safe 4th of July.



May the day be filled with hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon and a liquid refreshment of your choice. Be careful with the fireworks and please be extra careful on the roads!

And Speaking of Being Careful.....

A funeral service is being held in a church for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carrying the casket accidentally bump into a wall jarring it. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive. She lives for 10 more years and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same church and at the end the pallbearers are again carrying out the casket. As they are walking, the husband calls out, "Watch out for the wall!"



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Be not afraid of going slowly; be afraid only of standing still.