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State Council News



The Silver Rose was transferred to RI on August 22nd. Though in keeping with the last year and a half it was not without some difficulty. We were supposed to receive it with a ceremony (a beautiful one for those who have not experienced it) at St. Augustine in Millville, Mass. But due to Hurricane Henri, the service was cancelled and a private handover was arranged instead. The Silver Rose will be in RI until September 19th, you are urged to attend one of the many services hosted by our local Councils throughout the State. Check the State website (kofcri.org) for dates & times.

Installation of State Officers

The Installation of State Officers and District Deputies has been scheduled for October 3rd and will include a Memorial Mass component. So please get your list of departed brethren prepared. Please remember to highlight those who are Clergy, PSDs, FDDs, PGKs, PFNs, etc. Send your list to Ernie Pennine at ernietheknights@yahoo.com. Don't delay in providing your list as remembering our departed is one of the most important things we do.

The State Store is open

State Treasurer Joe Carrigan reports that the State on-line store has been reopened. The 2021-22 State shirt can be purchased by going to the State Website main page and clicking on [visit our store](#). You can also order tickets for Clergy Night through the store.

Message from the State Deputy

New Knights Needed in Rhode Island!

Brother Knights and all our families and friends,

August is in the books and I hope that everyone has had a chance to take some time off and do some of the summer 'stuff' we missed so much last year. We certainly had enough hot weather; the ocean water is cold enough to be refreshing but not cold enough to give you frostbite. Cookouts, anything we could not do last year; I hope you had a chance to do it this summer. I know Council activities and bringing new Knights into the Order was not on the top of your to-do list in August, but we need to get organized and start making plans to hold church drives and hold council activities that will bring new Brother Knights into your councils so we can *Leave No Neighbor Behind*. To make our goals, we need to make up for the members we did not bring in in July and August. We still have time, but remember that the more we spin the wheels, the less opportunity we have to gain traction.

Now is the time to take advantage of the training opportunities the Supreme and State Council have to show you the best practices that lead to successful membership campaigns. Your councils need to be open, meeting and most importantly welcoming to the new members as they come in. Put them to work, listen to their ideas; most importantly do everything you can to make your new members feel confident that they made a good decision to join the Knights of Columbus. Remember, if they don't feel confident, you will never see them, and they will disappear.

Now for some good news, the Supreme Convention was held, virtually, on August 3rd and 4th. Our delegates met at the State Office in East Providence; I was proud to nominate Supreme Warden and Past Rhode Island State Deputy Mike Benson for a Supreme Director's position. The Supreme Knight's address was a comprehensive summary of what the Order accomplished during the past year; and it was gratifying to be reminded of all we did despite the



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limitations of the pandemic. Archbishops Lori and Blair presided over beautiful Opening and Memorial Masses; and all our delegates applauded the award winners. We came away from the convention confident that our Supreme Officers know what needs to be done and provided us with the tools we need to grow the order.

All we need to do is to take advantage of the tools!

Lots of events are coming up: *Teens R Dynamite*; Clergy Night, the Annual Golf Tournament, the Silver Rose is in Rhode Island; and there are many council events that promote the Knights in Rhode Island. Use these events as an opportunity to invite prospects to join us. Please make sure you take your cell phone and sign them up right there. Don't forget to check our website for times and locations of the events.

We need to stay focused on growing the Knights of Columbus here in Rhode Island. HELP WANTED!

Proud to be your State Deputy



SD Dave Quinn

From the District Master

Sir Knights and Friends,

I was asked to discuss the Fourth Degree at the DD Leadership Meeting by our Worthy SD David Quinn. I thought I would Google: Why should a man join the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus? It stated, "Fourth Degree Knights are committed to building lives of character, patriotism and pride in one's nation as the driving force behind more than 250,000 Fourth Degree members in over 2,200

Assemblies. The Fourth Degree is the highest and most prestigious degree within the Knights of Columbus." Nowhere is there any mention of chapeaux or capes. We can still honor our deceased members, visit and assist our veterans and support our clergy and the Church. NO REGALIA NEEDED !!!

Fourth Degree Knights are dedicated to the personal development and continued honor of Brother Knights. We are always available to offer leadership, guidance and encouragement. Fourth Degree Knights are integral to the preservation of the Order. We can only offer membership to men that are Knights, therefore, we must depend on our Councils to provide us with candidates for the Patriotic Degree. Council leaders and brothers, we ask that you assist us in recruiting by recommending their joining the Fourth Degree.

On Sunday, November 21st, we will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul with a mass at 10:00 AM celebrated by Most Rev. Robert Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence. Further information will be forthcoming.

Faternally,



Peter Lentini, PSD
District Master

Patriotic Degree News

For those of you who are Veterans (thank you for your service): District Master Peter Lentini regularly relays news from the VA to our Navigators, asking that such be forwarded to the membership. If you are not



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getting the news, check with your Navigator. Or you may message me here at the newsletter.

Membership News

The St. Paul the Apostle Council #95 (in Foster) degree team held their first Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (in early August) led by Grand Knight Vin Mansolillo and Chaplain Fr. Doré.



Woonsocket Council Held its first live Exemplification in 18 months (though they have made extensive use of a Council recorded Exemplification) on August 29th. Pictured below are the candidate & Degree team.



From the Membership Director

Brothers,

As I put this information together, we sit at 11 new members of the 240 we need for the year. Last year at this time we had brought in 50 new members.

Let's get the momentum going!!!! The more we have the better we can help those in our parish and our community!!!

Remember the McGivney2020 is still in effect for Online Members until December 31, 2021. TAKE ADVANTAGE, promote it!!!

Also, there is a State Incentive, those Councils who bring in 75% of their membership by December 31, 2021, will receive \$200.00, a great fundraiser for your Council with just bringing in the members!!!!

The next in person exemplification will be Held on **Sept 12th** at St. Bernard's in North Kingston (275 Tower Hill Rd North Kingstown, RI 02852)

God Bless you all, and on behalf of my Wife Sue and I, we extend the best wishes to you and your families as we celebrate this upcoming Labor Day!!!!

We Truly Can Make a Difference!!!!

Jeff Gaulin

RI State Membership Director



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Fraternal Benefits

General Agent John Ruffo has announced the promotion of Field Agent Davis to the position of Assistant General Agent and is now overseeing the State of RI for his agency. His promotion was effective September 1, 2021. His contact information is Jim.davis@kojc.org. Congratulations Jim.



General Agent John Ruffo is available for all your Fraternal Benefits questions. He can be reached at john.ruffo@kojc.org or by phone at 860-866-8712.

Editor's reminder – Fraternal Benefits include much more than Life Insurance.

Milestones



By now you should all know that Woonsocket Council planned a Gala Celebration in honor of their 125th Charter Anniversary which occurred on January 27, 2020. But, then came COVID. Well, I am pleased to report that this is the penultimate report on this event, which will occur on September 25th. The last report will be in the

October issue of *A Knight's View* and be primarily a few photos.

Programming Activities

All our State sponsored and promoted activities can be used to satisfy requirements of the Columbian Award. Note also that some of our biggest State initiatives began as a local Council activity (e.g. – Operation R.O.V.A.C.). Supporting the causes of other Councils will also get them to reciprocate and support your causes.

- Fraternity begets Unity and together lead to an increase of Charity.

State & Local Happenings

Below are just a few of the many activities held by Councils around the State. Many of our functions build a spirit of Fraternity.....



The attendees at the Whiskey/Cigar/Steak Fry fundraiser sponsored jointly by Bristol & East Providence Councils to benefit Former State Faith Director Mike DeAngelis (PGK/PFN) and family



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.....while doing good works.

But someone may well say, "You have Faith and I have works; show me your Faith without the works, and I will show you my Faith by my works".
(Jas 2:18)

Reminder: many of our regular programs, as well as those developed by our local Councils, fit into multiple categories - e.g. - the Free Throw and Soccer Challenges can be used as either a Family (youth) or Community program.

Community Programs **CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP** **ESSAY CONTEST**

Purpose: Encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Open to all qualifying Catholic students.

This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.

2021-2022 ESSAY TOPIC

In an essay of 500-750 words, describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow.

For Inspiration: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." - James 1:2-4

Due Date: Saturday, December 11, 2021

Coats for Kids

It isn't too early to plan for a Coats for Kids program. Check the Supreme website (kofc.org) for details.

Helping Hands

We may be on the back side of the COVID situation (we hope & pray), but there is still a need for assistance to those less fortunate - as there has always been and will be for some time to come. Don't let your Helping Hands programs lapse.

Faith Programs

The Diocese of Providence is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. The Knights of



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Columbus have received an invitation to participate by Bishop Tobin. The first of these will be on September 8th at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, the Bishop Tobin will lead us in "A Night to Honor Mary" entrusting our diocese to the care of the Blessed Mother and praying the rosary together.

Details for the event are available at this link:
<https://dioceseofprovidence.org/events/opening-event>

Icon Program

This year's Icon Program is dedicated to St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family. Contact Faith Director Ed Misiolek at ejmisiolek@gmail.com. You can also get more information on the Supreme website (kofc.org) under the *Faith In Action* programs.

RSVP

And let's not overlook our seminarians. Supporting our future priests in their formation is every bit as important as supporting our current priests in their ministry.

Novenas

Novenas for Life, Novenas to St. Joseph, Consecration to the Holy Family and similar programs can be done anytime of the year and are an important spiritual boost. Include them in your programming on a regular basis.

Family Programs

The State Council sponsored a Family Day Outing & Cookout on August 15th. It was held at St. John Vianney parish in Cumberland and was attended by an estimated 75 - 80 people with some leaving after a brief stay and others coming later & staying to the end. Thank you to Family Director Mike Guerra for once again staging a great event.

2021 Soccer Challenge

It's time to start planning your Council's Soccer Challenge and ordering the Soccer Challenge Kit.

This event provides an athletic outlet for young people ages 9 to 14 through penalty kick competition designed for players to demonstrate their skills. Start sponsoring a competition by ordering a Soccer Challenge Kit.

The Soccer Challenge is a great way for councils to engage in their communities with an athletic event for youth that encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Children demonstrate the most important skill in soccer – shooting accuracy on the penalty kick – and compete to reach the international level of competition. The program is also a way to introduce the Order to your community and recruit faithful family men of service.

N.B. - There will be no District Level Soccer Challenge. Any Council winners will go directly to the State Soccer Challenge. The State Soccer Challenge will be on Saturday, Oct 30, 2021 at 9:30am @ Clube



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Juventude Lusitana in Cumberland. Rain Date:
Saturday, Nov 6, 2021.

Keep Christ in Christmas

What? Christmas already??? It is still several months away but this is the time to start planning your activities. Especially organizing your materials to talk to the Pastor and CCD Coordinator at your Parish(es).

The Knights of Columbus offer multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The new Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program brings all KCIC activities together under one umbrella. It encourages councils to prompt their neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving. KCIC activities include whatever efforts best suit the parish and community of a particular council and do not need to originate from the Supreme Council.

State Poster Contest held at the January 2022 State Meeting. Bring your winning Council Poster(s) and entry form to this meeting.

Try Something New: Family of the Month/Year

One of the easiest programs to run at the Council Level.

Currently, only a small handful of Councils take part in this program. Given the ease of operation & the rewards in uplifting our members/community, let's see if we can't push it to 100% participation.

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. For Family of the Month/Year resources, visit www.kofc.org/familyofthemonth.

N.B.Submission of "Family of the Month" via online form #10784. RI State Office does not get copied when you submit online. Please copy the RI Program Director at programskofcri92@gmail.com

Life Programs

WE MUST ALWAYS BE VIGILANT WHEN IT COMES TO LIFE ISSUES. NEVER BE AFRAID TO ENGAGE YOUR LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS IN A DIALOG OF TRUTH. WHILE WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE RESPECTFUL AND CIVIL IN THIS DIALOG, WE NEED NOT FEAR THE TRUTH REGARDING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.



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There was an Open House at the Mother of Life Center as a way for our membership to get to know the Center and see what our long-standing has meant to the Mother of Life Center. Special thanks to **Fr. Donnelly** and **St. Augustine Councils** for taking the lead on this event.

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.

PRAYERS REQUESTED



There are still people who have contracted the CoronaVirus (COVID-19) and its variants. Please pray for them, their caregivers, and families.

Please pray for the repose of:

Rita Lacouture (grandmother of Woonsocket Lecturer Craig Lacouture)

Ellie McAuliffe (Widow of PGK Dennis McAuliffe - Feeney Council)

And God's comfort to their families.

We ask you to pray for the following:

The Unborn, The Mother of Life Center, All active Military personnel, First Responders and (new requests)

Amanda Chianese (daughter of State Treasurer Joe Carrignan)

Jim Hall (IG at Blessing Council)

Michael Kinnear (S. Carolina)

Sara Wulff (an American trying to flee Afghanistan)

And from the August Good of the Order: Mike DeAngelis (Former State Faith Director), Fred Anderson, Ralph Dykstra, Pat Dahlen, Tom Resendez (Feeney Council), Steve Pertuso (Feeney Council), Joe Guilbeaux, Walter Jalbert, Robert Brice, & Mike Alexander.

Ongoing prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, FDD Ron Trottier, Jess Carrignan, Ryan Bilodeau (Woonsocket Council), Don Godin (Sullivan Council), Jack Walter, Dave Riendeau (St. John Paul II Council), Orlando Giansanti Jr., PGK Tom Boucher (St. Thomas Council, Cumberland), Annette Bebyn (mother of State Secretary David Bebyn), Pat Logan (wife of FDD Greg Logan), FDD Ernie Pennine, Ron Portella (Hickey Council), Dr. David Dubois (Frehill Council), Don Stubbs (Frehill Council), James



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Capenito (father-in-law of IG Marc Pare of Woonsocket Council), Denis Richard, Ron Andrade (E.P. Council), Phoebe Andrade (mother of Ron), Pauline Neri, Moses Segbe, FDD Charlie Fleurant, Armand Dufresne (Woonsocket Council), PGK Joseph Bedard (Pascoag Council), Patricia Moran (grandmother of State Warden PJ Shea), Gerry and Pat Desmarais (St. Eugene Council), Barry Chevrette (Pascoag Council), Matt Parent, Nancy Forest (wife of PGK Richard Forest), PFN Rick Regan, Roger Depot, FDD Mike Krzywonos, PGK/PFN Ernie Pennine, PGK/PFN Stanley Eason (Woon. Council/ Moylan Assembly), GK Jerry Marra, Ellen Charpentier (Wife of PSD/FM Normand Charpentier), Bob Jackson (St. Francis Council), Mike Magill, DD Alan Lamake, David Riendeau (John Paul II Council), and FDD Dave Lucas, as they each deal with various health concerns.

I am sure I am missing others, and for that I apologize. Please feel free to add them to this list of those we pray for and remember.

(to have someone mentioned or if someone wishes to be removed from the list, please contact me at rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com. You can also ask the state to add to them to the prayer list on the website as I check that regularly).

Fraternal Training and Communication

KnightCast

The Supreme Council has initiated a member exclusive web series, **KnightCast**. This is an ongoing series of webcasts on topics of interest to

Knights. While you do need to register (have your membership number handy), the one-time registration will get you all the webcasts as they are presented, or on demand after the initial broadcast.

You can sign up here:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6105948/KnightCast-Registration>

Training

There are many training opportunities throughout the year (see the Supreme Website), they are open to any Brother Knight who may be interested. You can register from the Home Page of the Supreme website(kofc.org): go to Members, Resources & then the Fraternal Training tab. You must register to participate, but once registered, you do not have to view it live. Rather, you can view it later at a time of your convenience.

Additionally, the State Council has a Training Officer available to assist with any topic. PSD/FM Steve Cioffi is here to help. You can reach him at stevec618@aol.com.

News items for the newsletter can be sent to me at rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com, through your DD, who will forward it to me, or the various program Directors.

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