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## *State Council News*

Welcome to our new slate of Fraternal Leaders: State Deputy Dave Quinn, State Secretary Dave Bebyn, State Treasurer Joe Carrignan, State Advocate Eric Batista, State Warden P.J. Shea and Immediate Past State Deputy Mike Dziok. Here's to yet another winning team.

## *Congratulations*

One of our Brothers from East Providence, Eric Oulette, now living in Massachusetts is now the State Warden for the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts. Congratulations !

## *A Brother organization interviews one of our own.*

As we know, membership in our Order brings a great number of friends which can extend

internationally, and even to other like organizations. One such group is the Knights of St. Columba, based in the United Kingdom. Recently, one of our Brother Knights, PSD Jim Gilcreast was interviewed by Immediate Past Supreme Knight Charlie M<sup>c</sup>Cluskey for broadcast through the KSC website. Should you wish to view the interview, you can check it out at [www.ksc.org.uk](http://www.ksc.org.uk) and click on *Knight's Talk*, then scroll down until you see Jim's name for the link. The interview, which is about 14 minutes duration, focused on our Order's Pro-Life focus. Check it out.

## *News from Supreme*

### *Installations*

As our Councils contemplate their Installation of Officers, two things need to be considered: 1] We need to account for



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governmentally imposed gathering restrictions and 2] we need to consider the comfort level of our members vis-à-vis social gatherings. Live Installations are always more festive and meaningful, but for those who would prefer a virtual Installation, Supreme has issued guidelines for remote installations. Check with your DD.

### *Awards Criteria*

Supreme has adjusted the criteria for the Annual Awards (M<sup>c</sup>Givney, Founder's, Columbian) going forward. The formula for determining the Membership Goal (M<sup>c</sup>Givney) has been adjusted to lower the goal for each Council. The Insurance (Founder's) goal has been changed to allow for attendance at 2 Fraternal Benefits nights. And, Programs (Columbian) have been tweaked. Details will be available through your District

Deputies after the State Organizational Meeting later this month.

### *Message from the State Deputy*

Brother Knights and Ladies,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Columbian Year; and to say that it will be atypical, well, would certainly be an understatement.

First, my sincere thanks to IPSD Mike Dziok, for his steady leadership and wisdom during the past two years. Thanks to the other board members for their support; PSD Mike Benson for his insight and advice, and welcome! PJ Shea, our new warden. And most of all to Father Joe Paquette, with a commitment to all of us that never changes. I know that we all are in his prayers, and he is in ours.

We have assembled a great team of district deputies, new



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membership and program chairmen, and a powerful Faith in Action team. Again, welcome to all our new team members and welcome back to our veterans.

Supreme has given us our goals for the upcoming Columbian year, I will be sharing the details with the officers and district deputies shortly, but they are attainable, even with the limitations COVID-19 will force on us. The virus has caused much upheaval not only in Rhode Island but nationwide and worldwide. Now, more than ever, the charity and good works of the Knights of Columbus is sorely needed. We will leave no neighbor behind, whether they be a brother knight in your council, or a family or a community that needs a helping hand.

It is so necessary now for us to seek out and invite our Catholic brothers who see the need and

want to help, to join us. I had a boss that used to say "many hands make light work" we need many hands. Our online membership is growing; please capitalize on these men with high their expectations and eagerness to join in when they come to your council. Please don't let them think that they made a bad decision. Whatever you do to help in the community...let all who ask, know that we are Knights...and this is what we do.

Obviously, we are going to be doing things differently this year, and who knows for how long. But brothers... we need to get them done.

Asking the Lord for Better Days, I Remain,



Dave Quinn, Rhode Island State Deputy



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## *Patriotic Degree*

District Master Bob Gallant has scheduled an Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Theresa in Nasonville (35 Dion Drive) at 2 pm. He is planning for a full program but may have to adapt pending Social Gathering Restrictions. Candidate cost is \$70 and Banquet Guest cost is \$30. Please spread the word.

## *General Agent*

General Agent John Ruffo is available for all your Fraternal Benefits questions. He can be reached at [john.ruffo@kofc.org](mailto:john.ruffo@kofc.org) or by phone at 860-807-3234 (office) or 860-866-8712 (cell)



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

## *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.**

## *Events of Note*

- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – DD Workshop

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.



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## *Milestone Celebration*



**Woonsocket Council #113**, whose 125<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary date was January 27<sup>th</sup>, has again postponed their Gala Celebration. The new date is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will still begin with the 4 pm Mass at All Saints (or possibly St. Joseph) before proceeding to *St. Ann's Arts & Cultural Center* on Cumberland Street in Woonsocket (just down the road from the Council home @ All Saints Church). With questions, or to participate, contact State Program Director Jeff Gaulin (event chair) at [jagaulin@verizon.net](mailto:jagaulin@verizon.net) or District Deputy Jack Tracy at [jklmc.tracy@gmail.com](mailto:jklmc.tracy@gmail.com).

## *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.....



Food and dry goods collected in the 1<sup>st</sup> hour of the weekly collection event at Lincoln Council to be distributed to area food pantries

.....while doing good works.

***What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? (Jas 2:14)***



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***So also, Faith of itself, if it does  
not have works, is dead.*** (Jas 2:17)

## *Life Activities*

## *Community Activities*



While Lincoln Council is continuing their highly successful food collection and distribution program, they have found a way to enhance it. Each Friday during food collection hours (4-6 pm) for the foreseeable future, there will be a young lady connected to Sojourner House present to collect donations to assist this program. For those unfamiliar with Sojourner House, it is a shelter and support program for women who are victims of domestic and/or sexual violence.



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.

Preparations are underway for the Fall ***Forty Days for Life*** Campaign. Though the struggle takes no time off (Servants of Christ for Life reports a potential change of heart happened recently), these more intensive efforts do bear more fruit.

**Woonsocket Council** recently received 2 requests for assistance with acquiring wheelchairs. One request was for a Transport (foldable) Wheelchair and the other for a motorized chair. Feelers were sent out to members of Woonsocket Council and to Brother Councils in the area. The response was



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overwhelming. No less than 6 responses were received for EACH item. A great showing of principles of our Order. GK Paul Bourget extends the thanks of Woonsocket Council to all.

**Always remember that the fight to protect life never ends. Whether it is end of life causes, treatment of the living in this world (social justice issues) or treatment of the not yet born.**

## *Faith Activities*



**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)**

As we begin to “re-open” the Church buildings many of our

Councils are assisting our Pastors with logistics, cleaning and other needs. In addition to being the right thing to do this fits in to the *Leave No Neighbor Behind* concept and the general mission of the Order.

## *Seminarian/Priest Support*

St. Thomas the Apostle Council (Prov) has been supporting a Seminarian abroad for several years now. Deacon Kingsley Ebong is scheduled to be ordained to the Priesthood in September and will be in need of further assistance while reaching that goal. St. Thomas is reaching out to the rest of the State to assist. Contact Simeon Okun at 401-692-7450 if you are able to help. (Flyer below)



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This was determined to be appropriate given the impacts of the current coronavirus situation, and to be in line with extended national and state tax filing deadlines.

Applications can be found on the Site website under Links of Interest. ([www.kofcri.org](http://www.kofcri.org)) for more information.

## *Fraternal Training and Communication*

With the many changes that have occurred during this Fraternal Year, some permanent while some are temporary, it would be wise to re-invest in your training. There are numerous webinars available and we have a superb advisor in State Training Director Steve Ciolfi. Please avail yourselves of both. (see also the next article).

## *Family Activities*

### *Youth Scholarship & Book Awards*

Deadline for Scholarship & Book Awards has been extended to July 15, 2020.



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## *Training*

### **A reprinted notice regarding Supreme Website Training platform**

As of May 26, 2020, you will no longer be able to access our online training courses hosted on SABA. As we look to improve the resources available to our fraternal leaders, the Supreme Council will now be hosting our training materials directly on the For Members section of KofC.org. The fraternal training portal link found through Officers Online will now redirect there. Updates to the For Members pages will provide you with the most current resources for your officer role. Content will continue to be added through the start of the new fraternal year. Should you have any questions, please reach out to us at [fraternaltraining@kofc.org](mailto:fraternaltraining@kofc.org). Your feedback on future training and video topics will be essential as we move forward.

There are many training opportunities throughout the year (see the Supreme Website – [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)), they are open to any Brother Knight who may be interested. You can register

from the Home Page of the supreme website: 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 Ciolfi is here to help. You can reach him at [stevec618@aol.com](mailto:stevec618@aol.com).

## *State Website*

Check out the State Website at [www.kofcri.org](http://www.kofcri.org). It is connected to UKnight Interactive ([kofcknights.org](http://kofcknights.org)) and allows connection to any local Council website that is also a part of the UKnight family. There are also links to other sites of interest such as Fathers for Good, the Supreme Council et alia.

## *State Newsletter*

Please note 2 local Council newsletters (Hickey & St. Augustine Councils) attached to the email in which you received this issue of *A Knight's View*. Also, Blessing Council's Newsletter can



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be accessed through their website  
at

[http://coventryknights.org/newsletters/05273\\_2020-06.pdf](http://coventryknights.org/newsletters/05273_2020-06.pdf)

Reminder: I include as much as possible in this newsletter. But I need your help by sending me information & photos from your events.

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

## *A Note of Fraternal Concern*

Brothers, as noted previously, our membership is older, with an average age of 62. Implicit in that average is the fact that we have many older Brothers. 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*



Many of us know people who have contracted the Corona Virus (COVID-19). Please pray for them, their caregivers, and families. Below find a prayer for protection distributed by Supreme:

**O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with**



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**protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.**

Please pray for the repose of:

Gina Rossetti, mother of FDD/PGK Lee Rossetti (Blessing/Mary Doran Councils)

Frank Perry, Jr. (Blessing Council)

And God's comfort to their families

Prayers are requested for FDD Bob Moniz, Tony Andrade, Pauline Neri, Moses Segbe,. Ongoing prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, PGK Daniel Danis (Blessing Council), Kristen Jarret, FVSM Michael Donnelly, GK Joseph

Bedard (Pascoag Council), Becca and Brianna Arel (granddaughters of Woonsocket Council Chancellor OJ Auger), Phil Shea Jr., Patricia Moran (grandmother of State Warden PJ Shea), Orlando Giasanti Gerry and Pat Desmarais (St. Eugene Council), Barry Chevrette (Pascoag Council), Matt Parent, Nancy Forest (wife of PGK Richard Forest), Pat Logan (wife of PGK Greg Logan), Cheryl Tedeschi (wife of FDD Anthony Tedeschi), PSD/FVSM Sav Giusti, FDD Ray Riel, PFN Rick Regan, Roger Depot, Executive Secretary Mike Krzywonos, PGK/PFN Ernie Pennine, PGK/PFN Walter Jalbert, PGK/PFN Stanley Eason (Woon. Council/Moylan Assembly), GK Jerry Marra, Ellen and PSD Normand Charpentier, Bob Jackson (St. Francis Council), Mike Magill, DD Alan Lamake, David Riendeau (John Paul II Council), FDD Dave Lucas, and FDD George Plante 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.

And I (selfishly) ask for prayers of thanksgiving and health for the pregnancy of Kara (Tracy) & SK Jonathan Taft.



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Remember, these men are here to  
help you and your Council. Do not be  
afraid to contact them for help or with  
any questions you may have.

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Have a Safe and Happy  
Independence Day*

