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The Landing of Columbus in the New World

## *Congratulations!*

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected Rhode Island Past State Deputy Michael Benson to the position of Supreme Warden at their Virtual Meeting held on Thursday, September 10, 2020. The primary role of the Supreme Warden is to manage the successful execution of Board of Directors and Supreme Officer meetings, including the annual Supreme Convention.

The last time a RI Knight served as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Supreme Officer was in 1974-6 when Les Lemieux (PSD) also served as Supreme Warden. Les Lemieux also served 12 years as a Supreme Director. The Last Supreme Official for the Patriotic Degree was Sav Guisti who served as Vice Supreme Master from 2008 to 2012. Mike makes a fine addition to this elite group of RI Knights of Columbus. (photo below)

[Thank you to State Historian PSD Jim Gilcreast for the historical information]



New Supreme Warden Michael Benson



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For anyone not familiar with Mike's Knights biography, here follows the biography I asked of him: Michael served as State Deputy in Rhode Island for two consecutive terms, 2016-17 and 2017-18, and is most proud of the jurisdiction earning the coveted Circle of Honor Award for membership and insurance attainment, and for success of the 125th Anniversary held during the 2018 State Convention. Rhode Island is the Order's longest serving State Council.

"My first exposure to the Knights of Columbus was my Dad's membership in Council 500, Dayton, Ohio. As the oldest of ten, it was considered a treat to accompany him to the KofC Bowling League on Monday nights. "This excursion was an award reserved for best behavior by one or two of us from the prior week. For the longest time I thought the

Knights of Columbus was a bowling league. I've come to know that we are so much more!"

Michael began his own Knights of Columbus journey at Our Lady of Assumption Council #11077 in Fairfield, CT on September 2, 1998, before moving to North Kingstown later the same month and transferring to St. Francis Council #2011. There he served as Grand Knight during the 2000-01 and 2001-02 Columbian years, helping the council earn the Star Council Award.

During the 2001-02 campaign he also served as District Deputy, the first of what would be four consecutive terms. Following his final year as District Deputy, Michael served as Rhode Island State Council Co-Membership Directors during Arthur Sylvester's term as State Deputy. He was awarded the 2008 Knight of the Year.



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“My favorite aspect of the Knights is our Brotherhood, working with other like-minded men to make a positive difference for our Church, our families, and our communities, and seeing first-hand the success of these selfless efforts.”

Elected to State Warden for the 2008-09 Fraternal Year, Michael served two years in each of the State Office Chairs as Advocate, Treasurer, Secretary, State Deputy, and Immediate Past State Deputy. He is the Past Faithful Navigator of Fr. Wallace Assembly and now serves St. Francis Council as Membership Director, as well as Rhode Island New Council Development Chairman. Additionally he serves on the Board of Directors for the Mother of Life Center, Servants of Christ for Life, Bishop McVinney Foundation for Seminarians, Bishop McVinney

School in South Providence, and the McVinney Auditorium.

Michael and his wife Lee Ann have been married for twenty-seven years, and attend St. Bernard Parish in North Kingstown, where he serves as usher for the Saturday vigil Mass. Together they served as co-chairs for the Parish's successful Grateful For God's Providence fundraising campaign. “It's been my blessing to have Lee Ann working with me. I would not have been able to be so involved without her much needed love, insight, and guidance. Her support has made any success I have had possible, and I am forever grateful.”

Michael extends a heartfelt Thank You to the Fraternity of Past State Deputies for their leadership and direction, and to all the Knights of every team that I have served with, and to all the members of the Knights of Columbus in Rhode Island, and their families, for their



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tireless work for the Good of our Order.”

## *State Council News*

On September 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Teresa of the Child Jesus in Pawtucket the Current slate of State Officers and District Deputies were present for an Installation Mass celebrated by State Chaplain Fr. Joe Paquette. While there was an Installation Ceremony held at the Organizational Meeting in July, it was felt that the State Leadership team was owed the ceremony & dignity provided by a Mass. We are, after all, a Catholic Order and there is no more beautiful reminder that to conduct the ceremony in the presence of the Eucharistic Presence in the Tabernacle. (See photos below)



(front) SD Dave Quinn, (middle l to r), State Secretary Dave Bebyn and State Treasurer Joe Carrigan, (back row l to r) State Advocate Eric Batista, IPSD Mike Dziok, State Warden PJ Shea



(left) SD Dave Quinn administering the Oath of Office to the State Officers & District Deputies. (right) State Chaplain Fr. Joe Paquette blessing the Jewels of Office





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State Officers & District Deputies taking their oath of Office

related issues interfered with the issuance of the Insurance bills from the State Council. Thus the bills recently received were the ones normally sent in February/March. Be advised, you will receive a bill this winter for next Calendar year. The one you may have just paid is for this calendar year. (ed. note: I will repeat this admonition come this winter).

## *Membership News*

### *2019-2020 Rhode Island State Council Membership Incentive Program*

This past January we announced an incentive program for all RI Councils in an effort to promote their membership outreach efforts and Council growth. Councils reaching targeted monthly goals thru to the end of the Columbian Year would be eligible for percentage reimbursements from 10 to 25 percent of their RI State Per-capita Assessments.

## *State Per Capita*

As was mentioned at the August State Meeting, The State Board of Directors has elected to waive the State Per Capita for Fraternal Year 2020-2021. If there are any Councils still owe for previous years, you must still make payment for that/those year(s), But this year's suspension provides an opportunity to catch up.

Also, if your Council subscribes to the liability insurance program, there is NO suspension of that obligation. Another note on the insurance. COVID



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As a result, 14 Councils qualified for reimbursements totaling \$1722.29:

Those eligible for a 25% reimbursement of their State Per-capita were:

- #113 Woonsocket
- #3563 Dillon
- #4005 Lincoln
- #10557 St. Augustine

Councils eligible for a 15% reimbursement were:

- #21 Narragansett
- #11684 St. Thomas

Councils meeting the 10% reimbursement criteria were:

- #57 Delaney/St. Teresa
- #181 St. Anthony
- #2700 Sullivan
- #5295 Pope Pius XII
- #5787 Providence College
- #12312 St. John Vianney
- #12821 St. Gregory the Great
- #16053 St. Luke's

Congratulations to all on a job well-done.

(ed. note – next month I will list the various awards earned from last Fraternal Year)

*Message from the Membership  
Director*

**Keep The Drive Alive!!**

First, I want to say Thank You to all of you for doing a GREAT Job in recruitment!!

We have come in **First in Division 4 and WON stage 5 and stage 6 !!!!** Your efforts are truly showing, and recognition is coming from Supreme, we are ranked 5th in the jurisdiction for the entire Order!!!

Supreme has announced the winners today !!!

As a result of *Your GREAT* work with the conclusion of the fast start program.



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Division 4 Winner:

***RHODE ISLAND!!***

- Congratulations!

And THANK YOU ALL !!!

Another important fact is that we are bringing in members online and getting them into councils quickly. 80% of online members are being placed into councils after their exemplification. We have 11 members left to get into councils, so let's keep going and get them active!!

## **5 Ways To Keep The Drive Alive**

- Invite Potential brothers to your events
- Work within your Parish communities to spread the News about the Knights of Columbus
- Be a Role Model to your membership

- Competition – Create a Membership Drive program in Your Council
- Be Positive and Appreciative, celebrate what we have done to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our communities

Let's Make October a BIG Month for Rhode Island. Our parishes need support and the Knights are the ones who can deliver that support to our Pastors and our Parishes.

The State Membership Team appreciates what you have done and look forward to what we ALL can do in the upcoming quarter (October – December).

Vivat Jesus!

*Jeff Gaulin*

State Membership Director



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## *Message from the State Deputy*

### *Finding the 'Work Arounds'*

Brother Knights,

This is old news by now, but I do want to join all our brothers in Rhode Island in congratulating PSD Mike Benson on his appointment to Supreme Warden. We are all very proud of Mike and know he will do an excellent job.

We had an installation Mass of the State Officers and District Deputies at St. Teresa's in Pawtucket last Sunday. Father Joe Paquette celebrated, and I was able to install the brothers in person. Delaney-St. Teresa Council transferred the 125th Anniversary Flag to Woonsocket Council as they are coming up on their 125th birthday. It was so good to see some familiar faces again.

## Father McGivney's

Beatification Mass will be held on October 31st at St. John's Cathedral in Hartford Connecticut. Details regarding the Mass are on [Kofc.org](http://Kofc.org). The State Council will have information available as soon as we receive it.

Membership is continuing to grow! Rhode Island is second in our division; so far we have added 58 new Knights to our brotherhood... Thanks to Jeff Gaulin and his team, which is all of us by the way, for his hard work getting them exemplified and out working with the Councils to do the work of the Order. Every Council needs to bring in at least one new member, there are many Councils that have not recruited a new member in years... the Knights of Columbus is needed now more than ever during the pandemic, and some of our Councils have certainly answered the call with





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food drives, blood drives, meals delivery and helping pastors in their parishes. We can do so much more with extra hands.

Please email your forms 185, 365, 1295 to Bob Lynch so he can track them.

With a good dose of creativity, we Knights in Rhode Island are getting our Order's work done under some tough circumstances... We found the 'Work Arounds'.

Stay Safe.

Proud to be your State Deputy,



*Dave Quinn*

## *Patriotic Degree News*



### *From the District Master*

It's official! I received my appointment as Master of the Rhode Island District effective September 1, 2020. PSD James Gilcreast will serve as Secretary/Chief of Staff. Thankfully, Fr Joseph Paquette will remain as Faithful Friar. DD Warren Rensehausen will continue to serve as a District Marshal and FDD and current RI Membership Director Jeffrey Gaulin will also serve as a District Marshal.

Due to the pandemic, FM Robert Gallant had to cancel the scheduled exemplifications. The Provincial Meeting is scheduled virtually for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>,



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hopefully, we will be able to receive some guidelines on holding exemplifications, either virtual or in person.

Regarding traditional Fall events: the annual Columbus Day events have been cancelled. We will contact the Diocese re: the annual Christ the King Mass in November. Unless restrictions are removed, there will not be any breakfast, only the Mass.

These are trying times, but if we have the proper attitude, we will be successful.

God bless.



*Peter Lentini, PSD*

District Master

## *Fraternal Benefits*

General Agent John Ruffo has arranged for a virtual Fraternal Benefits Event on October 13th. Start time is 7:00 pm. You must pre-register for this event (it takes only 30 seconds). The deadline to register for the event is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Follow the following link to register:

<http://KoFCNewEngland.2.vu/Hegna>

Featured will be a well known professional speaker, Tom Hegna, who will address Retirement Planning. Councils may use this opportunity to fulfill one of their 2 required Fraternal Benefit Nights for the fraternal year. Please have the Council GK's complete the form provided by Supreme and send it to their respective GA to sign off on. This event is being paid for by the Ruffo Agency & Starr Agency Field Agents and General Agents



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so there is **Zero \$0.00 cost** to the Councils. If anyone would like to look up Tom Hegna you may do so by following this link:

<https://tomhegna.com/about-tom-hegna>. I know they will be impressed when they see who we have hired for this event.

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*

- **October 1<sup>st</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>** – 40 Days for Life Continues
- **October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Columbus Day
- **October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Tom Hegna Retirement Benefits Seminar
- **October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Beatification of Fr. Michael J. McGivney in Hartford, CT

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.



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### *Milestone Celebration*



The transfer of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag from State Warden PJ Shea (Delaney-St. Teresa GK for their 125<sup>th</sup>) to Woonsocket GK Paul Bourget

**Woonsocket Council #113**, whose 125<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary date was January 27, 2020 has once again been forced to postpone is Gala Celebration due to RI COVID19 restrictions. Your humble editor recently joked that we would be celebrating Woonsocket's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in its 126<sup>th</sup> year. And, so, it has come to pass. **The new date for the Gala is April 17, 2021**, a mere 364 days later than originally scheduled 😊 😊. The venue remains unchanged, *St. Ann's Arts & Cultural Center* on Cumberland Street in Woonsocket (just down the road from the Council home @ All Saints Church). It is still hoped that the celebration will begin with a 4pm Mass. With questions,

or to participate, contact State Membership Director Jeff Gaulin (event chair) at [jagaulin@verizon.net](mailto:jagaulin@verizon.net) or DD Jack Tracy at [jklmc.tracy@gmail.com](mailto:jklmc.tracy@gmail.com).

Speaking of Woonsocket Council, it was my pleasure as a DD to present my home Council with their 2019-2020 Star Council Award (Double Star). It was delivered Monday in time for their Monday Business Meeting. (see photo below)



Woonsocket Council GK Paul Bourget (r) receiving Star Council Award from DD Jack Tracy





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## *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.....

.....while doing good works.

### *State Charity Raffle*



Raffle Tickets are in hand and available and arrangements for distribution can be made by Contacting DD Jack Tracy ([ijklmc.tracy@gmail.com](mailto:ijklmc.tracy@gmail.com)) to order. I am quite flexible with regard to

arranging delivery to you and strongly urge you to pre-order if only so we can talk about getting the tickets to you. In these times of curtailed programs this is a good way to supplement your fundraising activities.

Prizes remain at \$1000 for 1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$250 for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost to the Councils is \$1 per book of 6 tickets which you can sell at \$5 per book, realizing a 400% profit to distribute to your Council's chosen charities.

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

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

*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)



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## *Community Activities*



“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy” (1 Peter 1:8).

This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith.

Editor's reminder: while the above 2 items are Community Programs, it may also be noted they can be used as a Family (Youth) Program for the Columbian Award. This applies also to the next 2 programs.

## *Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest*

The topic for this year's Essay Contest has been released. The requirements: In an essay of 500-750 words, discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.

This year those Councils who would like to participate in the **Soccer & Free Throw Challenges** are encouraged to do so in a socially responsible way. To facilitate this, Supreme will allow video submissions of the youth in the performance of the task. It is suggested that in-person entrants perform outdoors. This is a no-brainer for the Soccer Challenge but can be done for Basketball as well.



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## Life Activities

**Pope Pius XII Council** will be holding a fundraiser to benefit the Council's Charitable Programs. It will be a Cigar Night on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. For more information contact Joe V. at 401-265-6918.

(cf. photo flyer below)

**Cigar Night with the "Knights"**

Monday October 5, 2020 @ 6:00 PM  
The Lawn at Ocean Rose • 113 Ocean Road • Narragansett • RI

Join the Knights of Columbus and Father "T" for this fundraising event. Proceeds will directly benefit Pope Pius XII charitable programs, including: Individuals with special needs, protection of the unborn and support for seminarians.

**Tickets are \$75 per person.**  
Includes 3 course meal & 4 premium cigars. Cash bar & raffle available.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Tickets available at the parish office or [www.popepiusxii.org/upcoming-events](http://www.popepiusxii.org/upcoming-events)  
or call for more information: Joe V. 401-265-6918

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.



Thank you to ALL Councils who hosted a Silver Rose Prayer Service including St. Thomas the Apostle (Prov.) who combined an in-person service with an online streaming event. Reports are that online viewers numbered over 500.

I attended a beautiful service as part of a Mass at St. Joseph's in Ashton. - editor.

Also, Bristol Council held a service at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and sent the below picture from their service.

**Dillon Council** will host a Roast Beef Dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to benefit the Council Charitable endeavors.

**Lincoln Council** continues its weekly Food Drives which have reached the 26 week mark



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(above & below) images from the transfer to CT



(above) Bristol Council GK Benjamin Smith places the Silver Rose before the statue of the Blessed Virgin at OLMC Church



The Silver Rose was transferred to Connecticut on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Those attending from RI were SD Dave Quinn, IPSD Mike Dziok, FM Bob Gallant, State Program Director Bob Lynch, & State Life Director Paul Gebhart. Many thanks to State Program Director Bob Lynch and State Life Programs Director Paul Gebhart for their devotion to this important program. (see photos below).



**Blood Drives** have long been a staple of Knights Life programming and continue to be important events during this time. Some tweaking of the logistics has been required due to COVID19, but the need is still there. It is strongly recommended that appointments for donations be made, though the RI Blood Center will allow walk-ins **IF** spacing permits. This is a program we can all get behind, even in these times.

St. John Paul II Council will host a Blood Drive on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Sponsor code 0462.

The Fall **Forty Days for Life** Campaign (the peaceful informational protest outside Planned Parenthood) began on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs





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through November 1st. Though the struggle takes no time off, these more intensive efforts do bear more fruit. If you are able, why not join this peaceful informational protest. Here is the link address for the campaign  
<http://www.40daysforlife.com/providence>

Below are 2 photos from the Campaign.



### From David Mitchell of **The Little Flower Home:**

What a year 2020 has been with a global pandemic impacting all of us. We saw churches and businesses shut down, and record numbers of people out of work. Imagine for a minute, you were facing an unexpected pregnancy, job

loss, and had no place to live. One of our recent guests was pregnant and living in a tent in Providence, before she learned about the Little Flower Home.

Despite all the challenges in 2020, the Little Flower Home has been home to 18 mothers and 20 of their children. A social worker asked one of our pregnant women how she was doing a week after arriving at the Little Flower Home. The guest said, "I feel safe and much better. It's the first time I have slept in a long time." She is now in a safe loving home, able to focus on her pregnancy, and get the support she needs to welcome her child into the world.

You are an essential part of our mission. Each October 1st, as we celebrate the Feast of the Little Flower, and the month of the Holy Rosary, we ask for your help:

\_\_\_\_ I will pray for the guests, children, and continued success of the Little Flower Home.

\_\_\_\_ I will share this message so everyone in the area learns about the Little Flower Home.

\_\_\_\_ I am open to learning more about hosting a pregnant woman. (email us)

24 Hour Helpline: 401-625-5929



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To assist or Donate, you can contact  
David Mitchell at  
[mr.david.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:mr.david.mitchell@gmail.com)

Or at [LittleFlowerHome.org](http://LittleFlowerHome.org)

### *Mother of Life Center*

St. John Vianney Council is  
conducting a collection/donation event  
for the Mother of Life Center through  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> (tomorrow).

Fr. Donnelly Council will also be  
conducting a donation/collection event  
to benefit the Mother of Life Center.

The **Ultrasound unit at the Mother  
of Life Center** is beginning to show its  
age. It needs repair more often and  
those are getting difficult as the  
manufacturer is discontinuing some  
parts in favor of newer models. Please  
consider donating, as a Council or  
individually, toward acquiring a new unit.  
It has already been confirmed that  
Supreme will still match funds raised (\$1  
for \$1). Your donations may be sent to  
the State Office at RI State Council  
Knights of Columbus, 3200 Pawtucket  
Avenue, East Providence, RI 02915.

Mark it to the Attention of State  
Treasurer Joe Carrigan and memo that  
it is for Ultrasound.

*Editor's Note:* Any donation/payment  
for any function/event/program should  
always include a notation (preferably on  
the memo line) as to what it is for so that  
it can be properly credited. Thank you.

### *Special Olympics*

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, East  
Providence Council will be  
presenting a donation to Dennis  
DeJesus as a contribution to  
**Special Olympics RI.**

**Save the Date items:** The State  
**Pro-Life Dinner** has been scheduled for  
January 16<sup>th</sup> (2021). And the **March for  
Life in DC** via Diocesan Bus Trip is  
scheduled for January 29, 2021. More  
details on each of these as we get  
closer to the date.



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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)

## Into the Breach

Msgr. Blessing Council is conducting an Into the Breach study group using both printed & video resources. Supreme is strongly encouraging this program for this Fraternal Year.

## Icon Program

Just a reminder that we still have a **Marian Icon** Prayer Program in place. Anyone wishing to hold an Icon Prayer Service should contact State Faith Director Ed Misiolek at [ejmisiolek@gmail.com](mailto:ejmisiolek@gmail.com).

With Masses continuing and adjustments to attendance allowances many of our Councils are continuing to assist 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. As our parishes attempt to hold events within the ever-present gathering and distancing guidelines it will be important that we expand our assistance, e.g.- one parish (of which I am aware) is planning their annual *Yard Sale* and may need



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assistance with “traffic” control if allowed to go forward. This blends perfectly with our mission. Let’s make sure we are there.

### *Seminarian Series*

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> of a series of profiles of our newest Seminarians. Inasmuch as we fervently support our Priests & Seminarians, I thought it fitting to do a series spotlighting them. I thank Fr. Murphy for his assistance in compiling this information.

- Diocese of Providence (St. John Paul II – Pawtucket)
- A 2020 graduate of Bishop Hendricken High School. Aidan often would be present in campus ministry, and was always available to serve at school Masses as a lector or altar server. Aidan works three part time jobs, including as a lifeguard at the local YMCA, as a cashier at a local liquor store, and that he does some work at a local farm when needed. Aidan has been a regular attendee at the Steubenville East Conference and attended the Vocations retreat at Our Lady of Providence Seminary the past two years. Aidan has been a member of the Hendricken varsity swim team all four years.



**Aidan Blanchette** (Rhode Island College) – 18 years old

**Michael Stabile** (Providence College) – 18 years old

- Diocese of Providence (Holy Apostles – Cranston)





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- A 2020 LaSalle Academy graduate. At LaSalle Michael excelled academically as an honors student and has been enrolled in a number of AP classes. He has successfully become fluent in Spanish, he has been a tour guide representing the school on a regular basis, and is a varsity tennis player. He also plays piano and serves as sacristan at Holy Apostles.

### *Family Activities*

Some programming thoughts from State Family Director Mike Guerra.

#### **Consecration to the Holy Family**

To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the

protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through His Church.

Steps to take:

- Talk to the Pastor of your parish – Discuss what the program is about and when you would like to have it.
- Pick a date – normally first Sunday after Christmas but can be anytime
- Obtain the material from Supreme



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- Suggest if Council can offer parishioners and when – prayer cards and tri-fold
- Week before event
  - make sure something is in bulletin describing what will be done
  - pass out prayer cards and tri-fold

### Day of event

- Pass out Prayer cards or place some in pews

### **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest & Christmas Cards**

Christmas has become a secular holiday for many, especially children. To combat this, the Knights of Columbus has introduced the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. This program will allow youth to engage their creative talent and imagination while understanding

the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas. entries in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest must include a slogan reflecting the topic and an original visual image.

- It is open to youth ages 5 to 14.
- Drawing needs to be on a 11x17 paper.
- Participation form
- State Competition will be held at the January 2021 State Meeting
- For questions contact: DD Warren Rensehausen @ wrensehausen@hotmail.com

### Christmas Card:

K of C has Christmas Cards, which you can send to members or use for a fundraiser. If you are interested, please contact Al Hervieux @ alhervieux@cox.net.

This is a difficult year for many members, even if you are not



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participating in the Christmas Cards. I urge that Councils send a Christmas card to all member with a special message to their members.

## **2020 RI State Soccer Challenge**

The State Knights of Columbus Soccer challenge is being planned for late October or early November. I am working on the exact date.

Due to the pandemic and regulations, I would like to know which Councils have conducted the soccer challenge or will be doing so in the next few weeks.

Note: You only need to let me know if your Council is running a soccer challenge or has participants. You don't need to contact me if your Council is not participating this year.

Also, if you have conducted your soccer challenge, please send copies of your winners' forms to the email address below.

Please contact me at [mikegonemad@gmail.com](mailto:mikegonemad@gmail.com) or by phone at 401-374-1487 by Sunday, Oct 4, 2020.

## *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.***

## *State Meeting*

The next **State Meeting** will be held on Friday, **November 6<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30** pm via Goto Meeting and in-



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person (if permissible) at **Bristol Council.**

19). Please pray for them, their caregivers, and families. Below find a prayer for protection distributed by Supreme:

## *In Memoriam*

SK Richard Desrosiers (Woon. Council/Moylan Assembly) who passed in April had a Memorial Service in his honor on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

SK Gilbert Oliver (Bristol Council/Pius Assembly) who passed in April will be memorialized on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

[ed. note: due to the pandemic there will undoubtedly be more Memorial Services for those who passed during restrictions. I will gladly continue this listing so long as I am informed]

## *Prayers Requested*

Many of us know people who have contracted the Corona Virus (COVID-

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 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.





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Please pray for the repose of:

Dennis McAuliffe (Feeney Council)

And God's comfort to his  
families

Ongoing prayers are also requested for Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, Ron Portella (Hickey Council), FDD Moe Bosse, FDD Bob Moniz, Ron Andrade (E.P. Council), Phoebe Andrade (mother of Ron), Pauline Neri, Moses Segbe, FDD Charlie Fleurant, Mike DeAngelis (Former Faith Director). FDD Ray Riel has undergone a decline, please intensify your prayers for him. Roland Falcioni (a cousin of DD Jack Tracy), Armand Dufresne (Woonsocket Council). 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, 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 Charpentier Wife of PSD/FM 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.

Thank you for all the prayers of thanksgiving and health for the pregnancy of Kara (Tracy) & SK Jonathan Taft. On September 17<sup>th</sup>, future Knight John Eric Taft entered the world, making Linda & me Grandparents. I note also that friend & Brother DD Vic & Nancy Silva became Grand parents on the same day.



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(to have someone mentioned or if someone wishes to be removed from the list, please contact me at [rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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)

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.

### *Fraternal Training and Communication*

#### *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

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).

### *Communications*

#### *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



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UKnight family. There are also links to other sites of interest such as Fathers for Good, the Supreme Council et alia.

### *State Newsletter*

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.

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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!*



DD Roger Johnson receiving his Jewel from SD Quinn (l) and former First Lady Vicky Dziok accepting a gift of appreciation for her 2 years as First Lady