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Newly Beatified Fr. Michael McGivney

In a beautiful ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford Connecticut, our Founder was beatified on October 31st – All Hallows Eve. Councils around our State (& presumably the world) have held (or will hold) Masses of Thanksgiving in honor of the event. The miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney's intercession was a poignant illustration of our Order's mission. The healing in the womb of now 5 year old Michael Schachle is the perfect illustration of the

order's Pro-Life and Pro-Family mission.

For any who missed the live ceremony, or to see it again, it is available at kofc.org/beatification.

As a side note, our new Supreme Warden, Mike & Lee Ann Benson had primo seating for the event and were captured in the video feed numerous times.

Congratulations!



DD Ken Maynard presenting Triple Star Council to GK Robert Evangelista of St. Thomas Council 11684



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State Council News

State Per Capita

As was previously mentioned, 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. First Notice Invoices have been sent to the District Deputies for forwarding to their respective Councils.

Another note on the insurance. COVID 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 just sent is for this calendar year. (ed. note: I will repeat this admonition come this winter).



DD Ken Maynard presenting Star Council Award to Peter Delponte, GK of Dillon Council 3563



Contest of Champions trophies awarded to Lincoln Council for percentage increase (l) & net gain (r)



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Membership News

The Supreme Council has extended free membership through the end of the calendar year **IF** a new member joins on-line. They must simply enter the code **McGivney2020** in the appropriate box to receive the incentive. Again, this applies to on-line enrollment only.

Message from the Membership Director

Keep The Drive Alive

We are continuing to bring in new members and I especially want to thank the additional councils who have come on board in the last month to bring our total to 22 Councils who are recruiting!!!

We have brought in 70 new members across the state and we are Ranked 9th in the Order. Not bad, and as recently as Halloween

weekend we brought in 5 new Brothers, so once they complete their exemplification, we will be closer to our GOAL!!! Remember, getting them in and part of the council is important, so let's not leave these online members out their floating around, make them active.

Also, those councils who recruit 10 new members from 10/1/20 thru 12/31/20 will receive \$100.00 from RI State Council Membership Team.

Attached (as a separate attachment to the email in which you received this newsletter) is a Flyer you can share with your brothers, or even post in your parishes, or simply use as an invitation to bring in new brother Knights, I hope it helps to Recruit!!!

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff Gaulin

State Membership Director



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Message from the State Deputy

Brothers, I want to share a letter I received from Bob Ennis, Director of Membership Growth regarding the importance of exercising our right to vote.

“Brother Knights, I want to take a minute to remind you to vote. As Knights of Columbus and patriotic Americans it is our duty to participate in the electoral process.

This year, voting may be a little different—no matter if you are thinking about voting by mail, voting early, or even if you are planning to vote in person on Election Day---the Knights want to help you with this. Visit KofCVotes.org today and make sure you are registered to vote and have a plan on how to vote.

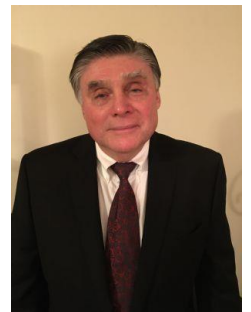
You should also take a minute and take the pledge on this website

asking you to vote and, encourage your friends and family to do the same. I took the pledge and encourage you to consider it as well.

No matter who you are voting for this year, visit KofCVotes.org today and make sure you are all set to have your voice heard. Vivat Jesus!”

Our right to vote is sacred. Each of us Americans, no matter how famous, wealthy, or influential, we all have only one vote; and yours counts the same as all others. That is special.

Proud to be your State Deputy,



Dave Quinn



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From the District Master



Due to the pandemic most events have been postponed or canceled. However, Christ the King Mass WILL be held at SS Peter & Paul Cathedral in Providence, on Sunday, November 22nd at 10:00 AM. All Knights and spouses are invited. Any Knight with the new uniform is asked to be part of the honor guard. All other Knights are requested to wear KofC council shirts or jackets. There will be NO Brunch this year due to COVID concerns.



Peter Lentini, P.S.D.

District Master

Fraternal Benefits

On October 13th, a Retirement Seminar was held virtually featuring Speaker/Author Tom Hegna. By all accounts it was well attended and well received. Thank you to GA John Ruffo and his colleagues for arranging this vital Fraternal Benefits event.

From John: *I would like to thank the State Officers, District Deputies, Council Officers and the membership for promoting our Fraternal Benefit Night with Tom Hegna. For those that were able to join us, I thank you for attending and hope you learned something that might help you and your families. If you did find something of value, please contact your Field Agent or my office to learn who your Field Agent is and set up a meeting to hear more about what we are capable of doing for you. We will be approaching the*



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holidays very soon and it is a good idea to plan early. My agents and I become increasingly more busy through the end of the year trying to help members achieve their goals. We are able to meet with members and their families either in person with masks and social distancing, or virtually depending on each individual's comfort levels. I wish you all the best and God Bless!

General Agent John Ruffo is available for all your Fraternal Benefits questions. He can be reached at 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

- **November 2nd** (today) – Election Day
- **November 5th** – Dillon Council Thanksgiving- style Dinner
- **November 6th** – State Meeting(virtual)
- **November 8th** – State Mass of Thanksgiving for Beatification of Fr. McGivney
- **November 11th**- Veterans Day
- **November 11th** – 400th Anniversary of Mayflower Landing at Plimoth



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- **November 22nd** – Feast of Christ the King
- **November 26th** – Thanksgiving Day
- **November 28th** – Woonsocket Council Toy Drive drop-off event

N.B. Operation ROVAC collections should begin now in preparation for drop-off events. See the article below.

Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

& 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 or DD Jack Tracy at jkmc.tracy@gmail.com.

Milestone Celebration



Woonsocket Council #113, whose 125th Charter Anniversary date was January 27, 2020 has once again been forced to postpone its Gala Celebration due to RI COVID19 restrictions. Your humble editor recently joked that we would be celebrating Woonsocket's 125th Anniversary in its 126th 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*

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



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DD Jack Tracy (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 1st prize,
\$500 for 2nd, and \$250 for 3rd. 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)

Community Activities



Operation ROVAC

We are now collecting items for
Operation ROVAC (**R**emembering
Our **V**eterans **A**t **C**hristmas). Items
should be NEW (with tags). The
following items are requested:

CLOTHING

- **Winter hats, gloves, and scarves**
- **Men's pants – khaki & jean**
- **Long sleeve flannel shirts (Up to 4X)**
- **Men's flannel button down pajamas (Med to 4X)**
- **Cotton boxers and short legged underwear**
- **Under shirts (Medium to 4X)**
- **Sweatpants and flannel pants (Up to 4X)**



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- **Button down sweaters, fleece & vests (Up to 4X)**
- **Winter jackets (Medium to 4X)**
- **Handkerchiefs / Belts / Suspenders**
- **Shoes/sneakers (Velcro tab) Sizes 8 through 12.5**
- **Men's slippers (Shoe type) w/ backs & rubber bottoms**

NEW TOILETRIES (NO TRIAL SIZES):

- **Dove Soap / Irish Spring soap / Body wash / Shampoo**
- **Men's stick deodorant**
- **Shaving cream**
- **Men's cologne / Ladies' perfume**
- **Toothpaste / Toothbrushes**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- **New Word/find search books (Large print ONLY)**
- **New puzzles / New decks of playing cards**
- **New DVD movies**
- **New Music CD's / Headphones**
- **2021 Calendars / Magnifiers with lights**

COVID required changes for 2020 are the following:

1. There will be an "early" drop off date (Probably Thanksgiving week or weekend) at E.P. Council - Still To Be Determined.
2. In December, the deliveries will be drop off only at the curbside. Brothers can come in for a quick photo for local press. We will keep everyone as safe and distant as possible.
3. We will not be able to have any ongoing "hospitality" on that Saturday as we have to keep the numbers of people down inside of the Hall.

Life Activities

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.



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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.

Lincoln Council held a Blood Drive November 2nd (yes, yesterday) where 21 pints were collected (see photo below).



One of the 21 donations at Lincoln's Blood Drive

Woonsocket Council will sponsor a Blood Drive on November 22nd at St. Joseph Church on Mendon Road, Woonsocket. It will run 9am – 1pm in Fr. Blain Hall, Sponsor code 0592. Appointments are necessary – www.ribc.org/drives.

The Fall **Forty Days for Life** Campaign ran through November 1st. While the active campaign is completed, we should continue to pray for the cause. We will let you know about the Spring campaign when it is closer.



Members of Bristol & Fr. Donnelly Councils at the 40 Days for Life Campaign



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Mother of Life Center



Paul Gebhart, Richard Feole & Arthur Andolfo of Fr. Donnelly Council with Mother of Life Director Gail Faraj-Musleh and their collected donations

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 7th E.P. COUNCIL presented a \$500 check to Dennis DeJesus, Executive Director of the R.I. Special Olympics. Pictured are E.P. Council Guard and RISO State Board member, Michael Bullock, PSD & current DM (& RISO State Board member) Peter Lentini, Dennis DeJesus, and E.P. Council Grand Knight, Steve Perry.

Save the Date items: The State **Pro-Life Dinner** has been scheduled for January 16th (2021). And the **March for Life in DC** via Diocesan Bus Trip is



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scheduled for January 29, 2021. More details on each of these as we get closer to the date.

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)

Icon Program

Just a reminder that we still have an **Icon** Prayer Program in place. The Icon is dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel. Anyone

wishing to hold an Icon Prayer Service should contact State Faith Director Ed Misiolek at 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 assistance with “traffic” control if allowed to go forward. This blends perfectly with our mission. Let's make sure we are there.

New Deacons

On Saturday Oct 24, 2020 at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, nine men became Deacons of the Diocese of Providence. One of



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these men was a fellow Knight of Columbus member from Lincoln Council, Brother Jason Gardner. Deacon Gardner will be serving at Holy Trinity, Woonsocket. Congratulations to Deacon Jason Gardner and all the all the other new Deacons!

Seminarian Series

This is a continuing 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 (Sacred Heart Parish – West Warwick)
- Recently graduated from George Washington University this past winter with a bachelor's degree in International Affairs. He has worked in a variety of summer jobs and internships in the political world including as a page at the RI Statehouse, interning for a US Senator and at the Office of Management and Budget at the White House. He is currently working for the Diocese of Providence in the office of Catholic Social Services where he also worked last summer. In addition, he serves as a sacristan at the Cathedral.

Jay Zizza (Providence College) – 22 years old

- Diocese of Providence (Christ the King – Kingston)



Stephen Couture (Providence College) – 21 years old



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- He spent one year at High Point University in North Carolina, before transferring to Providence College, where he became very active in campus ministry. He has also been an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the on campus Gregorian Chant Choir. During his college years he has worked as a camp counselor and has done landscaping work with the town of North Kingstown.

Men of Saint Joseph

The State Men of St. Joseph will hold their annual weekend retreat this month on November 13th & 14th. While the in-person capacity has reached its limit, there are still virtual spots available. Featured Presenter is Professor Daniel O'Connor. For more information or to register go to SAINTPHILIP.COM

Family Activities

Some programming thoughts from State Family Director Mike Guerra.



Family Fully Alive

Help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives. Using the Family Fully Alive Booklet as a devotional guide, this program provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations, and group projects.

The Family Fully Alive monthly devotions are concrete ways that Knights of Columbus, in solidarity



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with Pope Francis, can support the growth of holy and loving families in the Church.

The Family Fully Alive Program asks families to invite God into their homes and cultivates each family as a miniature domestic church. To this end, the program provides monthly themes, scripture verses and activities.

Through prayer and reflection, each family has the opportunity to grow in holiness together. This is a flexible program that can be started at any time of the year and continues year-round.

Example of way to do this with parish:

1. Ask your Pastor(s) for a small section in Bulletin
2. Each month give a brief description of the theme

Example for December:

One of the best ways faith is caught is through joy. Joy should be part of the regular fabric of Christian life. The Lord promises his disciples that “no one will take your joy from you”(Jn 16:22), and we are instructed by St. Paul to “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil 4:4).

Ask 1 or 2 questions from the booklet

Example:

What are some joys we have experienced in our family? Are there ways to build upon these joys to create a more joyful home?

Have booklets available at Mass for Families to take home.



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Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest & Christmas Cards



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest --

Need a Family Event? You still have time! Order supplies from the KofC.org portal.

Talk to the Pastor about running the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

Is it in the Bulletin? Enter Something into the bulletin and have forms available for families to pick up after Masses.

If you have questions, contact Warren Rensehausen at wrensehausen@hotmail.com.

Christmas Card:

Contact Al Hervieux at alhervieux@cox.net. Great way to order Christmas cards.

This is a very different year from others. I ask that all councils send a Christmas card or Christmas letter to all members, especially the members that are confined due to the pandemic.

Let them know that you are thinking of them.



2020 RI State Soccer Challenge

Congratulations to Bristol Council and all their winners for being this year's RI State Soccer Challenge Winners.



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Family of the Month

(l to r) DGK Kelly McGee , Father Marinaldo Batista, Lisa Correia, Joe Correia

Bristol Council has announced its past 2 Families of the Month and sent the following photos.



(l to r) DD Warren Rensehausen - Family Director, Father Joe Upton, Kathy DeRiso , Mary Kate DeRiso , Julia DeRiso , Bob DeRiso

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 6th** at **7:30** pm via Goto Meeting and in-person (if permissible) at **Bristol Council.**





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In Memoriam

[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-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

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:

GK David Dequattro of Scalabrini Council

PGK Val Cardente of St. Augustine Council

Laurie (Mitson) Ward, sister of Eddie Mitson. (Feeney Council)

Sheila Hopkins, sister of Jim Hopkins (E. Prov Council)



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And God's comfort to their families

Please keep DD Vic Silva, PGK Chuck Denecour, PGK Jim Silva of St. John Paul II Council in your prayers as they deal with medical issues.

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.

(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)



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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 start of the new fraternal year. Should you have any questions, please reach out to us at 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), 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.

Communications

State Website

Check out the State Website at www.kofcri.org. It is connected to UKnight Interactive (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

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

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