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Happy New Year! (liturgically speaking)

Welcome to Advent. May you and your families have a Blessed and Holy Advent Season. May it prepare you for a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season to follow. And, may the expectations of the season remind us all that “Better Days Are Ahead”.

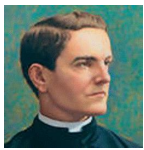
I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many contributors to this newsletter for their efforts. From the State & Supreme Officers to the Programming Directors, from the District Deputies and local Council Officers to the occasional contributors, Thank You! I could not be successful without input from each of you. Special thanks to

my frequent sounding board & proofreader, my wife Linda without whom I would not be a Knight in the first place.

Congratulations!

The **Annual State Service Program Awards** were announced at the State Beatification Thanksgiving Mass on November 8th. These are for Fraternal Year 2019-2020 (usually announced at the State Convention). We congratulate each of the Councils for their dedication and hard work. Each will be highlighted under the appropriate *Faith In Action* section below.

Congratulations to Bristol Council and its **Soccer Challenge Champions**. All of this year's State Champions hail from Bristol Council's competition (sole one held this year – thank you COVID).



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(L-R front row), Olivia Overy 9, Connor Hudak 10, Kobe King 9, 2nd row - Alivia Teixeira 10, Fabio Ramos 12, 3rd row - Thomas Usher 11, Claire Chace 13, 4th Row - SD David Quinn, Nicholas Manceri - Community Director, Bristol GK Ben Smith, Tony Teixeira - Soccer Challenge Manager, DD Warren Renshausen – State Challenge Director

Each Champion received District Medallions and State Trophies. They will also be submitted to Supreme for possible further recognition.



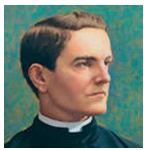
Below are a couple of photos from presentations of **Fraternal Year 2019-2020 Supreme Awards**.



GK Jim Gambardella receiving the Triple Star Council Award from DD Ken Maynard



Presentation of the Columbian and Founders awards to Bristol Council. Pictured are (l to r): PGK Walter Smith, SD Dave Quinn, GK Ben Smith and DD Warren Renshausen



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Ed. Note: these award presentation photos may spread throughout the year as they will be published as they are received

Message from the Membership Director

Membership News

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

Also, on-line Exemplifications have been scheduled for December 5th, 12th, and 27th (English); December 6th, 9th, and 12th (Spanish); December 5th (French). Enrolment can be made through the Supreme website (kofc.org) by clicking on "For Members", then "Ceremonials", "Online Exemplification".

Brothers,

Rhode Island is still amongst the leaders Order-wide for new members. And, more Councils in the State have recruited at least 1 new member. Year-to-Date we are at 88 new members with a goal to bring in 20 more new members by the end of the Calendar year. But we can still do better. I remind you of an old slogan: One member per Council per month. With 46 Active Councils we can smash that goal and fulfill our current slogan to

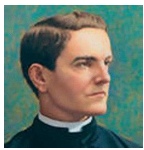
Keep the Drive Alive!

and continue the great works of our Order.

Vivat Jesus!

Jeff Gaulin

State Membership Director



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Message from the State Deputy

Better Days Are Coming

Brothers,

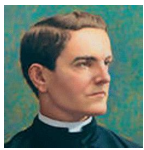
I hope all of you and your families had a Good Thanksgiving, though I'm sure in many instances there were less places set at the table and familiar faces and voices were not seen in the dining room but on a phone or computer screen. Unfortunately, we may have to endure the same at Christmas, but we will in order to keep our loved ones safe.

I attended the State Deputy Midyear Meeting last week, through the same 'magic mirror' I'm typing this message on; there are some new and interesting programs I will be discussing with the District Deputies and Program Directors at the Rhode Island

midyear meeting to be held on January 9th.

We continue to welcome new brothers into the Order through our McGivney 2020 online membership campaign, Rhode Island continues to be in the top three in our division. Please continue the good work of welcoming the new brother Knights in and putting them to work helping us to leave no neighbors behind.

This has been a difficult year, and we all are asking our Lord for a better 2021; but despite all the difficulty and setbacks we Knights in Rhode Island were able to do some great things to help our neighbors and friends get through this pandemic. We should be justly proud of all the work we have done; and I hope all our councils will join us to continue our good work into 2021 and until the pandemic is under control.



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On behalf of my daughters, the State Officers, District Deputies, Program Directors, and their families,

I want to wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas, and best wishes for a bright 2021.

Blessed Father Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Proud to be your State Deputy,



Dave Quinn

From the District Master

On Saturday, November 21, the Arkansas District of the Bienville Province hosted a Virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification was

and invited jurisdictions throughout the Order to participate.

I am pleased to announce that 13 new Sir Knights joined the Patriotic Degree in RI that day.

Congratulations to the following new members:

SK Fouad Faraj-Musleh of Adams Assembly

SK Kenneth Maynard of St. Pius Assembly

SK Peter Cardin-Prochniak and SK Paul Lavallee of General Moylan Assembly

and to Narragansett Assembly

SK John Short, SK William Sullivan

SK Denis Monaghan

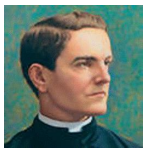
SK Bernard Casey

SK Kenneth Trebisacci

SK Brehan Brady

SK Stephen Cofone

SK Michael Breslin



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SK John Kearney

I must say this Virtual Degree was exemplified and well received by the participants.

With the surge in the Corona-19 Pandemic, I believe that the Virtual Degree will be with us for a while, therefore, VSM Rich McDermott of Bishop Healy Province believes we are ready to establish at least two virtual fourth degree teams. We will learn more on this soon.

Janet and I wish all our Sir Knights and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year. Stay safe.



Peter Lentini, P.S.D.

District Master

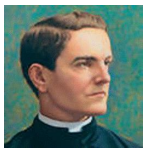
Fraternal Benefits

On October 13th, a Fraternal Benefits Night with speaker Tom Hegna was held. So far to date, only a small handful of forms requesting credit for their Councils has been received. Council officers are asked to please submit the form attached to the email in which you received this newsletter to John **ASAP** so that those that attended will get credit for their McGivney Award towards Star Councils for this Fraternal Year.

Thank you, Merry Christmas & God Bless! GA John Ruffo



john.ruffo@kofc.org or by
phone at 860-807-3234 (office) or
(cell) 860-866-8712



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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

- **December 8th** – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- **December 12th** – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Patroness
- **December 12th** – ROVAC Drop-off event at East Providence Council
- **December 25th** – Christmas Day
- **December 31st** – New Year's Eve – Goodbye to 2020!

August 23rd – September 19th. More details will come at the beginning of the 2021-2022 Fraternal year.

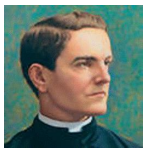
Check the State Website regularly for details and new listings.

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 & 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 jkllmc.tracy@gmail.com.

Save the dates: Life Director Paul Gebhart has been given dates for next Fraternal Year's Silver Rose in Rhode Island. We will have the Rose from



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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) to order. You may also text (or voicemail) 401-749-0987. 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

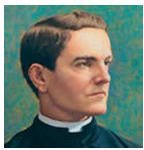
curtailed programs this is a good way to supplement your fundraising activities.

Prizes remain at \$1000 for 1st prize, \$500 for 2nd, and \$250 for 3rd. Drawing to be held May 2, 2021. 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

Congratulations to **Sullivan Council** on receiving the 2019-2020 Community *Faith In Action* Service Program Award. Given in Recognition of their Thanksgiving Dinner Program.

Community – Sullivan Council 2700 Thanksgiving Dinner Program

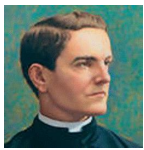


Newport/Middletown Council delivered a check for \$250 to support the Martin Luther King

Community Center Thanksgiving food drive. The council in the past has delivered Thanksgiving baskets for over 100 years. With C-19 that could not be done this year. The Council has over the years delivered over 100 lbs. yearly of food to the MLK food bank. This is accomplished by Council volunteers like John Hole and Maury Bric. The cornerstone of the Knights of Columbus is Charity and Council 256 takes this to heart to feed the poor.



Pictured left to right: Edward Crowley MLK Staff, Paul Saunders (FDD/PGK), Melanie Saunders, Food Bank Director, GK James Hick, Heather Hole Stout Director of the MLK Center, John Hole & Maurice Bric Newport/Middletown Council members, and DGK Thomas Murphy.



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Ed. Note: The following was written by Michelle Nunes Depot. She is the Principle of Curvin McCabe School and wife of John Paul II Council Treasurer Steve Depot. (editor's bold)

Right now, many of us are focusing on what we cannot do, due to Covid-19. I want to focus on something we can do, and that something is spreading generosity! I want to give a huge THANK YOU to The Knights of Columbus, from **St. John Paul II Parish**, and the children at **St. Cecilia's School** who made 15 Thanksgiving baskets, with turkeys, for the families at **Curvin McCabe Elementary School**.

During this time, I have so many families struggling financially, and food insecurity is huge, these baskets will help them tremendously.

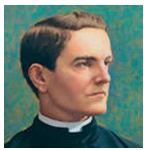
You have truly help the families so much, and from the bottom of my

heart THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!♥



Above & Below: food baskets noted in above article





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Fr. Donnelly Council

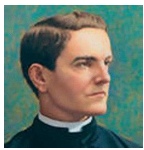
conducted their Annual Thanksgiving food drive for the St. John the Baptist food pantry. It was done in a contact-less delivery fashion. Below are a few photos.



On 11/9/20, members of **St. Augustine Council** plus DD Ken Maynard and Former Master Bob Gallant replaced flags for Veterans at North Burial Ground in Providence. (photo below).



St. Augustine Council has chosen its nominee for the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for this year. Any Council which is conducting its own local contest, please advise DD Warren Rensehausen and get the nominee's essay to him as soon as possible, time is getting short. (photo below).



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(l to r) GK Jim Gambardella, Sr. Dot Swartz, essay winner Eva Church, and her parents Lisa and Ray Church.



Chancellor Joe Giammarco & GK Steve Perry with a carload of early Operation ROVAC delivery to be driven to the RI Veterans Home. Not pictured, though present, is PGK Mike DeAngelis.

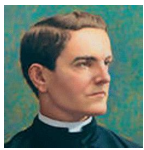
Operation ROVAC

We are now collecting items through December 12th for **Operation ROVAC (Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas)**.

Conditions this year required a second earlier drop-off for the ease of the staff at the Veterans Home. This was held on November 29th at East Providence Council. The main (final) drop-off will still be the 2nd Saturday of December (the 12th).

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)**



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- **Sweatpants and flannel pants (Up to 4X)**
- **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**

- **2021 Calendars / Magnifiers with lights**

COVID required changes for 2020 are the following:

1. There was an "early" drop off date (Probably Thanksgiving week or weekend) at E.P. Council on the 29th.
2. On December 12th, 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.

NEW TOILETRIES (NO TRIAL SIZES):

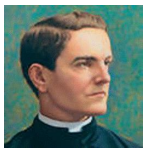
- **Dove Soap / Irish Spring soap / Body wash / Shampoo**
- **Men's stick deodorant**
- **Shaving cream**
- **Men's cologne / Ladies' perfume**
- **Toothpaste / Toothbrushes**

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**

Life Activities

Congratulations to **Bristol Council** on receiving the 2019-2020 Life *Faith In Action* Service Program Award. Given in recognition of the unflinching



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support for Pregnancy Centers.

**Life – Bristol Council 379
Pregnancy Center Support**



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.



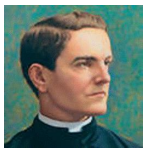
Blood Drives have long been a staple of Knights Life programming and continue to be important events during this time. Some tweaking of the logistics has been required due to COVID19, but

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.

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.



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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 – Woonsocket Council 113
Our Lady of Guadeloupe Mass

Faith Activities

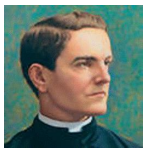
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)



Congratulations to **Woonsocket Council** on receiving the 2019-2020 **Faith In Action** Faith Service Program Award. Given in recognition of their ongoing support of the Woonsocket Hispanic Community's Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the Americas & our Order).



Recently received information
Holy Ghost Church in Providence hosted (back in August) a day of prayer, celebrating faith, family and fraternity. **Operation Loreto** was designed in response to the anxiety & stress felt by the community from world & life events. PGK Bob Chase & GK Jim Gambardella, of **St. Augustine Council** served as an Honor Guard during the Eucharistic Procession.



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Fr. Murphy with the Eucharistic presence

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**

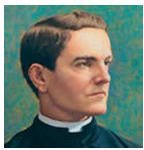
concept and the general mission of the Order. As our parishes attempt to hold events within the ever-present gathering and distancing guidelines it will be important that we expand our assistance. This blends perfectly with our mission. Let's make sure we are there.

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.



Nathan Ledoux (Providence College) – 22 years old



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- Diocese of Providence (St. Joseph's – Newport)
- Recently graduated from Catholic University of America, where he double majored in Theology and French. He has been an active member of the local Knights of Columbus, serves as a sacristan, lector and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at the Basilica of the National Shrine.

Mateusz Puzanowski (Providence College) – 23 years old

- Diocese of Providence (St. Joseph – Central Falls)
- A 2018 graduate of Stonehill College with a B.A. in History. He has worked part-time for his father's construction business performing such tasks as masonry and roofing. After finishing his B.A. at Stonehill, he began taking courses at Providence College for a Master's Degree in History.

Family Activities

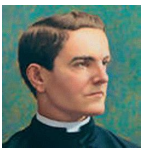
Congratulations to **SS John & James Council** on receiving the 2019-2020 Family *Faith In Action* Service Program Award. Given in recognition of their Family Prayer Night Series.

**Family – S.S. John and James Council 7238
Family Prayer Night Series**



Woonsocket Council Toy Drive in Memory of Ron Auger

Woonsocket Council held their annual Toy Drive on November 28th at All Saints Church. As you will see from the photos below, it was held outside



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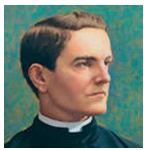
as a drop-off only event without the usual Penny Social or Kitchen. Despite this, the Council realized a record number of toys collected (524). In addition, over \$1000 in cash contributions were made. Other Councils around the State also contributed. We thank the community for its generosity.

There was even a walking Santa for pictures without contact. (except for 1 two-month old – future Knight John Eric Taft). (hereby a shameless effort by the editor to include a photo of his grandson).



Family of the Month

Woonsocket Council recently announced its Families of the Month for October & November. This simple program provides an



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effective way to recognize members of the community for the work they do. The recipients need not be Knights, nor Catholic (because we can fix that – the editor used to teach RCIA 😊). Supreme then recognizes 100 recipients with a Supreme Award.

There have been quite a few Woonsocket nominees receiving Supreme recognition over the past few years and have recently been joined by Bristol Council nominees. I encourage all Councils to support this program.



Don Hoard (left) and Craig Lacouture (right) flanking FOM program Director Don Csizmesia

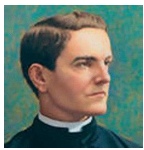
A Note of Fraternal Concern

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, **January 22nd** at **7:30 pm** via Goto Meeting and in-person (if permissible) at Warwick 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.

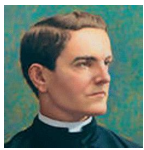


Please pray for the repose of:

SK Raymond Riel (Woonsocket Council)

And God's comfort to his family

Please keep Jim Hopkins (who was hospitalized in mid-November), also FDD Mike Grimshaw, DD Vic Silva, PGK Chuck Denecour, PGK Jim Silva of St. John Paul II Council in your prayers as they deal with medical issues.



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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), 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.

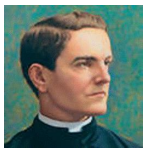
(to have someone mentioned or if someone wishes to be removed from the list, please contact me at rikofcnewsletter@gmail.com. You can also ask the state to add to them to the prayer list on the website as I check that regularly)

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



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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

This month I am attaching a copy of the East Providence Council Nov./Dec. Newsletter along with this one for you to check out. Also, as always, the Blessing Council monthly newsletter is available at <http://www.coventryknights.org>

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, through your DD, who will forward it to me, or the various program Directors.

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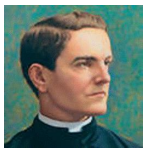
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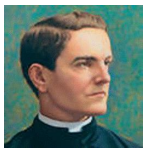
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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the

