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## *Meet the new Supreme Knight*



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

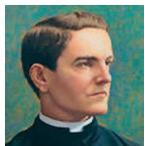
(ed. note – the following material was compiled  
from various sources, including Supreme emails &  
Catholic News Agency articles)

First, his background. Patrick E. Kelly joined the Knights of Columbus in 1983 as a university student in Wisconsin. He has a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a master's in theological studies from the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family at The Catholic University of America. He spent over 20 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Captain from the Judge Advocate General's Corps Reserve. He specialized in international

and operational law and was Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the Naval War College.

He has served as an advisor to the Department of Justice and to Congress, including work as the legislative counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives' Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He was a senior advisor to the Ambassador-At-Large for International Religious Freedom at the U.S. State Department. In that role, he was the State Department's principal interlocutor with the Holy See and other countries on issues of religious freedom. He also helped provide policy guidance on religious freedom in Iraq, Iran, and Israel, according to his biography at The Catholic University of America's Center for the Study of Statesmanship, where he has served on the Council of Advisors.

Kelly has over a decade of experience in senior positions with the Knights of Columbus' charity and advocacy work and in managing their multi-billion-dollar insurance and investment businesses, the organization said.



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In 2006 Kelly was named vice president for public policy of the Knights of Columbus. He has been an executive director for the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., and he served as State Deputy of the District of Columbia from 2012-2013. In 2013 he was elected to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors and in January 2017 he was elected Deputy Supreme Knight. In that position, he played a leading role in the Knights' international religious freedom efforts, its pro-life ultrasound initiative, and in developing the fraternal order's new public initiation ceremony.

Here are some of SK Kelly's thoughts on his new position:

"I am honored, thankful and blessed. I am honored to be called to serve as Supreme Knight," Kelly said Feb. 5. "I am thankful to my wife and family, and to my brother Knights for affording me this honor and privilege."

"I look forward to continuing Carl's great work and will strive to guide the Knights of Columbus by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity according to the vision of Blessed Michael

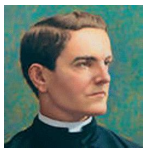
McGivney," Kelly said in his acceptance speech.

"These principles are as important today as they were almost 140 years ago at our founding," he said. "They are a proven path to deepen our Catholic faith, and build strong families, strong parishes, and strong communities that work together for the common good and recognize the dignity and worth of every human being. I ask for prayers as I endeavor to advance the great history and traditions of the Knights of Columbus in service to the Lord, his Church, our brother Knights and their families, our parishes and our communities."

And these comments from PSK Carl Anderson:

(Patrick) Kelly is "extraordinarily well-qualified."

"Patrick has dedicated his life in service to the Church, his country, and the Knights of Columbus," said Anderson. "He has served as Deputy Supreme Knight for four years and is a well-rounded public servant with diplomatic and military experience. He is ideally suited to carry on the work of the Knights of Columbus as we enter a new



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era, faithful to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, and in close collaboration with the Holy See and the bishops throughout the world.”

“Most recently, Patrick led the Knights’ grassroots response to the COVID-19 pandemic titled ‘Leave No Neighbor Behind’,” Anderson continued. “Through this initiative, brother Knights around the world are serving those isolated and alone in quarantine, supporting food banks and blood centers in need of vital supplies, and providing other essential services. Patrick has the experience and strong faith necessary to lead the Knights into the future.”

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, who has worked with Kelly for over a decade offers this comment:

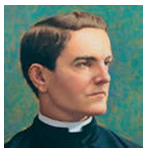
“Patrick Kelly is a devoted husband, father of three young daughters, and a man of deep faith with many years of experience as a public servant,” Lori said. “He possesses the knowledge, experience and commitment necessary to carry the Order forward in service to our brother Knights, their families, our parishes, and our communities.”

## *Supreme Warden March Message*

Dear Brother Knights of Columbus,

I pray this note finds you and your families well and happy. It has certainly been a long, strange year for us as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. I know I am not alone in missing the personal one-on-one camaraderie we share with members and families at meetings and functions that have unfortunately either gone virtual or been suspended. But like the coming Easter season, optimism for a brighter future is in the air. The vaccine rollout continues to ramp-up in Rhode Island, and restrictions are being scaled back. Let’s be sure to be the examples of positivity in our parishes and in our communities as we welcome new opportunities to be engaged.

I believe it is important that we remember the Knights of Columbus as an organization has not been idle. Many councils have found new ways of putting their “faith in action” to ‘leave no neighbor behind.’ This is also true of the Supreme Council.



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Did you know?

- Our Founder has been elevated to Blessed Michael J. McGivney
- Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark beatified our founder as Blessed Michael J. McGivney on October 31, 2020 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, CT.
- It was fitting that this holy honor happened during a pandemic, as it was another pandemic that took Fr. McGivney's life two days before his 38th birthday in 1890.
- The miracle attributed to his beatification was the healing of an unborn child who had been diagnosed with Down Syndrome and Pediatric Hydrops Fetalis, an often-fatal fetal condition. Prayers for Fr. McGivney's intercession at Fatima and in the U.S. were answered with the delivery of Mikey Schlacle, whose parents named him after Fr. McGivney. Mikey, the 13th child of a Knights of Columbus General Agent and his wife was healed of the fatal condition, and though he has Down Syndrome, he is the light of their family. Given the Knights of Columbus mission to assist

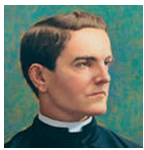
children and their families with special needs this seems too good to be true, but it is! Also noteworthy, Fr. McGivney was the oldest of 13 children.

We have a new Supreme Knight

On February 5, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors unanimously voted Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly to replace Supreme Knight Carl Anderson upon his retirement effective March 1, 2021.

Supreme Knight Anderson has led the Knights of Columbus to twenty consecutive years of increased membership, charitable giving, and life insurance in force. As the new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly observed, Carl Anderson operated with a sense of urgency to improve the faith and lives of others.

The new Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, a former career U.S. Navy Officer and third generation Knight, joined a college council as a student and has worked as Assistant Supreme Knight for the last fifteen years. He pledges to continue the momentum set by Carl Anderson to realize new heights for the Knights of Columbus:



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Increase and improve the online membership process

Reach out to new communities, especially Hispanics

Reopen councils closed due to the pandemic

Expand Virtual Benefits Nights

Strengthen current insurance products and introduce new programs

Implementation of a new Insurance Customer Service platform

Face our challenges head on: a hostile culture, protections for the unborn, and religious liberty, to inspire those that have not yet joined our ranks.

Supreme Knight Patrick believes "the Knights of Columbus has what men need, and what men want." He is dedicating his term to emphasizing "the Knights of Columbus as a community of Faith, and a force for good!"

Please keep the Carl Anderson and Patrick Kelly families in your prayers as we bid fond farewell to Carl, and a hearty welcome to Patrick.

Please visit the Knights of Columbus website often for more inspiring stories

and information. Invite your friends to as well. [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

The mission continues. God Bless us everyone!



*Michael A. Benson*

Supreme Warden

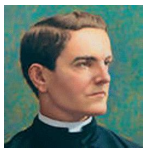
## *Message from the State Deputy*

*Lent: A Time to Reflect and Be Thankful*

Brothers,

I hope all of you are staying safe; and with the release of the vaccines and their apparent efficacy, we pray that we have started to turn the corner and indeed see better days coming. The few sunny days we have enjoyed lately just increases the





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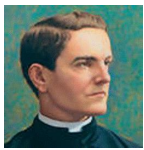
cabin fever we all have been suffering from; so as frustrating as it is, make your appointments and get jabbed... twice.

Rhode Island has continued to stay within the top twenty-five of our division regarding membership; Jeff Gaulin continues to organize virtual and in-person exemplifications and we are bringing in new members from the councils as well as on-line. He also is reaching out to our new un-assigned Knights and inviting them into local councils. Council engagement is increasing, and everyone knows the importance of making these new Knights welcome and getting them engaged in council activities. We all must make sure these new brothers know they made the right decision joining the Knights in Rhode Island.

Regarding programs, the Rhode Island State Council is so proud to announce that we have

reached our goal; and a new state of the art ultrasound machine was purchased and is on location at the Mother of Life Center in Providence. The Supreme Council voted to match our goal and the machine is fully paid for. We also reached the secondary goal of the training expenses and electrical and lighting upgrades to the examination room at MOL. On Behalf of Paul Gebhart, our Life Chairman, to all brother knights, friends of brother knights and friends of the MOL, a sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU! For making this campaign a success.

Bob Lynch and his FIA Chairmen have some great program suggestions for council participation in Lenten activities, so please watch your email, but most importantly ask your pastors what we can do to help. Some councils are going to have Friday fish and chips, chowder and clam cakes for



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takeout; please support them when you can.

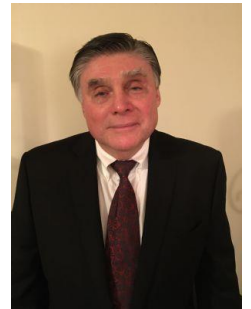
Please welcome our new Executive Secretary, Jim Fielding from Warwick Council. Jim is settling in and will be taking command of website maintenance and organizing email contacts so we can better communicate with you. Special thanks to Mike Krzywonos, who has done a great job as ES, and most importantly been our Pro-Life Chair for many years. Mike was and is still the very definition of a 'go to guy' and I appreciate him meeting with Jim and getting him acquainted with the state office.

And my thanks to all the councils that are continuing to help our neighbors in our communities. And when our neighbors see us doing the Order's work, they will want to help us. Keep up this great work; and be proud of all YOU have done in Rhode Island... even during the pandemic.

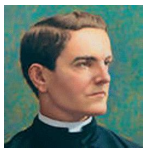
Our State Convention will be held on the weekend of April 30 through May 2. We are hoping to have a hybrid type, with just the delegates and State Officers attending and streaming for the others. We are meeting to discuss the logistics so stay tuned. Councils need to get their resolutions in; State Advocate Eric Batista will have details coming your way shortly.

Blessed Father Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Proud to be your State Deputy,



*SD Dave Quinn*



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## *Membership News*

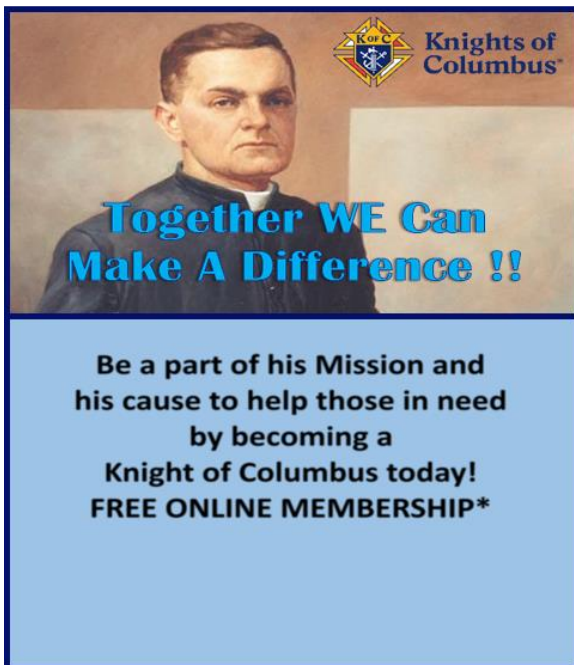
The Supreme Council has extended the **McGivney2020** promotion through the end of the Fraternal Year (June 30<sup>th</sup>). When registering to join the Knights of Columbus through the on-line process ([kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)), candidates may enter "McGivney2020" in the appropriate box to join for free. Also, candidates may continue the online process by enrolling for On-line Exemplifications **On Demand** through the Supreme website ([kofc.org](http://kofc.org)) by clicking on "For Members", then "Ceremonials", "Online Exemplification".

Additionally, Membership Director Jeff Gaulin has begun offering virtual Exemplifications using video recorded using RI Knights of Columbus members.

While in person Exemplifications are still the preferred experience (John Paul II Council recently held one), the on-line option is there when necessary.

## *Welcome new members!*

In these pandemic times it is rare for us to have Exemplification "class photos" so I thought I would share this one with you from Friar Council (Providence College).

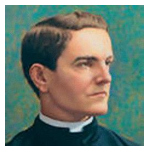


**Together WE Can  
Make A Difference !!**

Be a part of his Mission and  
his cause to help those in need  
by becoming a  
Knight of Columbus today!  
**FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP\***







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## *From the Membership Director*

Brothers,

We are continuing to Bring New Members in and I especially want to thank the additional councils who have come on board in the last month to bring our total to 25 Councils who are recruiting!!!

We have brought in 129 new members across the state and we are Ranked 21st in the Order.

Remember, getting members in and part of the council is important, so let's get the members involved and make them active.

We have some membership programs for the councils for the second half of this year:

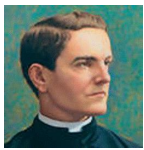
- Every Council that brings in 10 Members between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 will receive \$150.00

- Every Council that brings in 5 Members between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 will receive \$75.00

We have a few councils chasing those prizes, and I want to pay them out.

Brothers, we have more work to do and we need more council recruiting!!! Can it be done, YES IT CAN as there are several councils who have recruited 9 or more members already this year, they are being active online, creating ways to participate together virtually, in church, etc. We need to recruit 110 more members between now and the end of the year, we already have brought in 129 with only 53% of our councils doing that work, if the remaining percentage kicks in, we can easily do this.

Like the fibers in the rope bound together, we can be stronger and make a difference!!!



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**Keep The Drive Alive and go out  
there and recruit!!!!**

Vivat Jesus! and God Bless!

*Jeff Gaulin*

State Membership Director

*From the District Master*



Brothers,

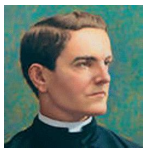
On Saturday, February 20, a Fourth Degree Exemplification virtually was conducted by the District of Maine to which Rhode Island was invited. I am pleased to announce that at that Exemplification 25 Brother Knights were declared fully qualified members of the Patriotic Degree. Thank you to Maine District Master Duane Belanger and his Fourth Degree team for an outstanding Exemplification. Also, thank you to

the Faithful Navigators and Grand Knights for informing their members of this event. I will publish the names of our new Sir Knights in next month's newsletter.

Congratulations to all the new Sir Knights!

We need more of you to join the Color Corps of the 4th Degree. The Color Corps is made up of the Honor Guard and the Color Guard members who serve the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assemblies by:

- Presenting and posting the flag of our nation at KofC events
- Standing as part of an honor guard for deceased brother Knights
- For honor guards for priest celebrations, like anniversaries
- Participating in Honor Guards at Confirmations
- Being part of the 4th Degree Exemplification team



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COLOR CORPS OF THE 4TH  
DEGREE, ONE MUST POSSESS  
THE UNIFORM OF THE 4th  
DEGREE. PLEASE CONSIDER  
PURCHASING THE UNIFORM  
AND BECOME AN ACTIVE  
MEMBER OF THE COLOR  
CORPS.

Fraternally,



*Peter Lentini, PCSD*

District Master

## *Fraternal Benefits*

Brothers,

The Fraternal year is coming to  
an end. Please reach out to your  
local Field Agent to schedule a

Fraternal Benefits Night if you have  
not already done so. Remember  
you will need Two (2) FBN's within  
the Fraternal Year to qualify for the  
Founders Award and to achieve  
Star Council.

Good Luck and God Bless,

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-  
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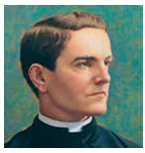


**Editor's reminder** – Fraternal  
Benefits include much more than  
Life Insurance

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

## *Events of Note*

- **March 17<sup>th</sup>** – St. Patrick's Day
- **March 19<sup>th</sup>** – St. Josephs Day
- **March 26<sup>th</sup>** – State Meeting
- **March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday



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- **April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Holy Thursday
- **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Good Friday
- **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Holy Saturday
- **April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Sunday – He is Risen!

GK Scott Watts, Sr. accepting the proclamation from  
Supreme presented by DD Ken Maynard



Members of St. Lawrence Council 2235

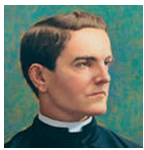
New Executive Secretary Jim Fielding is working hard to update the State Website, this can be a great resource for advertising you Council events.

## *Milestone Celebrations*

Congratulations to St. Lawrence Council upon reaching its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (photos below)



**Woonsocket Council #113**, whose 125<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary date was January 27, 2020 has once again been forced to postpone its Gala Celebration due to RI COVID19 restrictions. **The new date for the Gala is September 25, 2021.** 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



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

## *A message on programs from State Warden P.J. Shea*

Brother Knights of Rhode Island, we have and continue to hold a unique position in the lore of the Knights of Columbus. Aside from the fact that we are the “First in the Order” as the first State Council that was established in our order, we are also the smallest State in the order and country. Many outside our State may look at that as a disadvantage, I see it just the opposite. Many friends that I have in other States that are fellow Brother Knights have never met a State Deputy, let alone have a personal relationship with them as many of us do here in “Lil Rhody.” Another advantage to our geographic closeness is the ability to act on the principle of Fraternity outside of our own Councils.

Many of you who have attended the State Convention Hospitality Suites in past years will

## *Programming Activities*

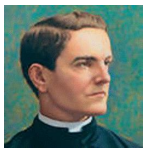
All our State sponsored and promoted activities can be used to satisfy requirements of the Columbian Award. Note also that some of our biggest State initiatives began as a local Council activity (e.g. – Operation R.O.V.A.C.). Supporting the causes of other Councils will also get them to reciprocate and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

## *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.





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know that Delaney-St. Teresa Council #57 and St. John Paul II Council #12613 have been joining in Fraternity to bring you hot wieners and coffee milk. Again, during these difficult times for fundraising for all of us the two Pawtucket Councils are working together to provide another RI food staple, Clam Cakes and Chowder every Friday night during lent. After two weeks they have filled over 250 orders of Clam Cakes and Chowder and will continue to see that number grow. Additionally, the spirit of Fraternity, Unity and Charity will also grow each week between the Brother Knights of this "Pawtucket Council" as we affectionately call ourselves when working together.

I know that these are not the only two councils partnering together, however if there was ever a year to reinvigorate partnerships or to establish new ones, 2021 is that year. So I encourage all of my

Brother Knights of Rhode Island to work together to form your own North Providence, Northern RI, South County, East Bay, or Central RI councils and relish in the ease of our ability to join in Fraternity around our state.

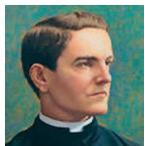
Vivat Jesus,

*Philip J (PJ) Shea, III*

State Warden

## *State Charity Raffle*

We are nearing the Break-even point for this year's Raffle with commitments for 2400 books distributed or promised (delivery arrangements are in the works with email requests for day/time). Raffle Tickets are still available and arrangements for distribution can be made by Contacting DD Jack Tracy ([ijklmc.tracy@gmail.com](mailto: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



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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)

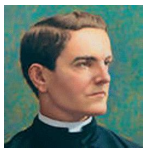
***So also, Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*** (Jas 2:17)

*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)

## *Leave No Neighbor Behind*

Ed. note - Please note that this is not a new *Faith In Action* category. Rather most of what we do classifies as a "Neighbor" event. I have chosen to create this section for some of those events which cross over more than 1 *FIA* category.

**Hickey Council #3623** held a fundraiser (chaired by Gus Morelli) for Walmart gift cards to be given to homeless and disabled veterans. Coordinating with St Luke's Parish, St. Brendan's Parish and Holy Angels parish, bulletin announcements were placed the weekend of February 6 & 7. The weekend of February 13 & 14 members of the Council attended all of the masses at the three churches to collect the gift cards. Christine Hennessy (of St. Luke's) worked with the students at the middle school to create greeting cards for the veterans to go with the gift cards. 250 gift cards totaling \$3750 were collected. The generosity of all the parishioners was astounding.



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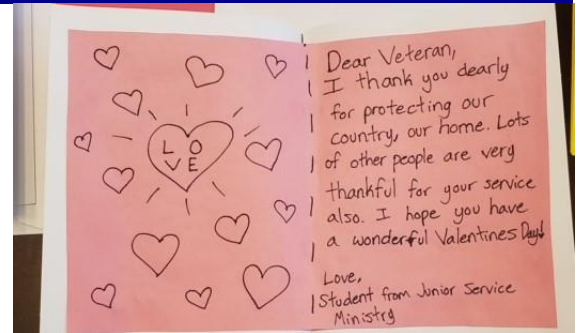
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(L to R) SD Dave Quinn (PGK 3623), PGK Gus Morelli (event Chairman), VA Representative Donna Rossillo, GK George Primmer, DD Ken Maynard (PGK 3623)



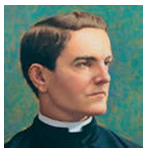
St. Thomas the Apostle Council has remained busy in many areas. Below is a photo of Knights working the parish food pantry.



Above & below are the cards created by the middle school students at St. Luke's



For more on this activity and other activities see the quarterly newsletter from the Council attached to the email by which you received this State newsletter.



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**Bristol Council** recently presented a check for \$2000 to Special Olympics Rhode Island for sponsorship of the 2021 SORI Summer Games. (photo below)



(l to r) DD Warren Rensehausen, GK Ben Smith, Dennis DeJesus (SORI CEO) and Bill Henrich Council Officer and Special Olympics Coach

Many of our Councils regularly support the work of their parish food pantries or run their own collection drives (think **Lincoln's** year long effort). Woonsocket Council recently reported that the food pantry at All Saints Church

(which they help staff & support) has been distributing approximately 100 bags per week. Thanks to all the Councils who help to assist in this area of great need.

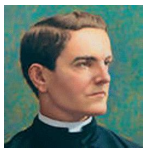
## *Community Activities*



**St. Luke's Council** will be holding an adult Pinecar Derby to benefit their Council charities.

A number of Councils have held or will hold Lenten meal nights. **Donnelly Council** held one February 26<sup>th</sup>, the "**Pawtucket Councils**" (see State Warden item above) are holding them each Lenten Friday. **East Providence** is holding a unique meal for St. Patrick's Day (see flyer attached to the email carrying this newsletter)





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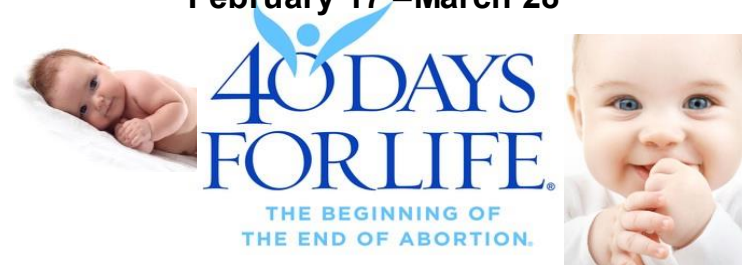
and **Dillon Council** is celebrating a combined St. Patrick/St. Joseph meal (flyer also attached). Proceeds from each support their respective Council's charities.

## *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.

The Lenten **Forty Days for Life** campaign, which began on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> runs daily through March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join the effort if you are able.

**The next 40 Days for Life during Lent  
February 17 – March 28<sup>th</sup>**



Brother Knights of Rhode Island, we need your help! Please Join us to pray the Rosary for the end of Abortion. All are welcome. Bring your council, family and friends.

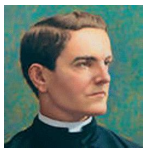
Location: outside of Planned Parenthood at 175 Broad Street in Providence

Hope to see many of you each Saturday during Lent 2021 for the next 40 Days for Life. Early morning Rosary starts at 7:45 or 9:00 a.m. Any questions please contact Paul Gebhart at paul\_gebhart@outlook.com



**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





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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** just held another successful one in February and already has one scheduled for April. All other Councils are welcome to send me info on their Blood Drives and I will include them (given sufficient lead time).

## *Mother of Life Center*

### **Ultrasound Initiative**

We have reached our goal for the Ultrasound unit itself (which Supreme has voted to match) and for the extras (training, new wiring, etc.). Thank you to all who have contributed. (see the State Deputy's message above).

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)

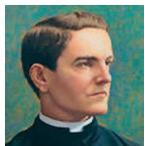


State Faith Director Ed Misiolek ([ejmisiolek@gmail.com](mailto:ejmisiolek@gmail.com)) Reports the following program notes.

### **LATEST NEWS IN FAITH PROGRAMS!!**

*For The Community: **Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour***

Celebrate the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney through a special prayer hour open to the whole parish. Built around the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, the prayer hour features writings from recent popes and reflections



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on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney.

The prayer hour is a way to invoke the intercession of the blessed Founder of the Knights of Columbus and to be inspired by his life and legacy. For Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour program resources, visit [www.kofc.org/mcgivneyprayer](http://www.kofc.org/mcgivneyprayer)

*For You Personally: **KnightCast***

We are excited to announce the launch of KnightCast, a new exclusive member benefit to help Knights become better Catholics, better men, better husbands, and better fathers. It is a webcast series that shares timely, compelling information to promote personal development and faith formation.

The first episode of KnightCast debuted on Thursday February 25th and featured Supreme Knight Carl Anderson sharing his personal reflections on the significant events of the past two decades. He gave a

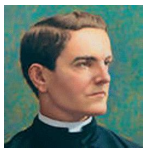
rare overview of working with three Popes, responding to national crises, battling Covid-19, and expanding our charitable works throughout the world. In this interview, PSK Anderson also discussed our founder's beatification, and he shares some of the many meaningful personal experiences of his term as Supreme Knight.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow as a Knight and a man of faith. Sign up today for KnightCast! The one-time registration process is simple, and you can watch live or on-demand. Because this is an exclusive benefit, your membership number will be required. You can find it on your membership card.

You can sign up here:

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

**BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY –  
PRAY FOR US!!!**



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**Blessing Council** is in the process of providing each of their parishes with a Building the Domestic Church kiosk (albeit one at a time due to Supplies Online limitations. Pictured below is the one for SS. John & Paul. Next up will be Our Lady of Czestochowa.



It is hoped that these kiosks will provide parishioners with great faith-based information and also provide visibility to what the Knights of Columbus are all about.

## *Family Activities*

### *Youth of the Year*

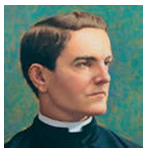
Nominations for Youth of the Year award are now closed. Rhode Island Family Director, Michael Guerra and his team are now evaluating the applicants and a winner will be announced at the State Convention.

### *Scholarship & Book Awards*

Applications for the Annual Scholarship & Book Awards are now available on the State Website ([kofcri.org](http://kofcri.org)), right on the front page. Application deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>. As always this is a HARD deadline.

## *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



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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, March 26<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30 pm** via Goto Meeting & in person at Delaney-St. Teresa council in Pawtucket (if possible)

## *In Memoriam*

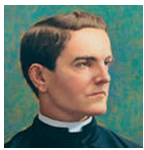
[ed. note: due to the pandemic there will undoubtedly be more Memorial Services for those who passed during restrictions. I will gladly continue this listing so long as I am informed]

## *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



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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:

PGK Mike Carey (Lincoln  
Council)

PGK Paul Moore (Feeney  
Council)

PGK William Moskosky, Jr.  
(Blessing Council)

Louis Costa (St. Thomas the  
Apostle Council – Providence)

Elaine Macera, wife of Peter  
Macera (Blessing Council)

And from the February Good of the  
Order:

Nora Misiolek

And God's comfort to  
their families.

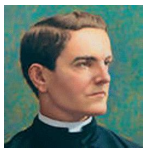
From the February Good of the  
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The Unborn, The Mother of Life  
Center, All active Military  
personnel, First Responders,

Father David Thurber, FDD Mike  
Grimshaw, Jess Carrignan, Mike  
DeAngelis, Jeff Gaulin, Ovide "OJ"  
Auger, Jack Walter, Elaine Cote,  
Larry Gendron, FDD Charlie  
Fleurant, Sergio DeSousarosa, Leo  
Larivee, Dave Riendeau, Jim  
Hopkins, Jr,

Ongoing prayers are also requested for  
Bishop Louis Gelineau, Fr. Dennis  
Reardon, Fr. Robert Bailey, FDD Ron  
Trottier, Ron Portella (Hickey Council),  
James Capenito (father-in-law of Marc Pare  
of Woonsocket Council), FDD Bob Moniz,  
Denis Richard, Ron Andrade (E.P. Council),  
Phoebe Andrade (mother of Ron), Pauline  
Neri, Moses Segbe, FDD Charlie Fleurant,  
Roland Falcioni (a cousin of DD Jack  
Tracy), Armand Dufresne (Woonsocket  
Council). PGK Daniel Danis (Blessing  
Council), GK Joseph Bedard (Pascoag  
Council), Phil Shea Jr., Patricia Moran  
(grandmother of State Warden PJ Shea),





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Gerry and Pat Desmarais (St. Eugene Council), Barry Chevrette (Pascoag Council), Matt Parent, Nancy Forest (wife of PGK Richard Forest), PFN Rick Regan, Roger Depot, FDD Mike Krzywonos, PGK/PFN Ernie Pennine, PGK/PFN Stanley Eason (Woon. Council/ Moylan Assembly), GK Jerry Marra, Ellen Charpentier (Wife of PSD/FM Normand Charpentier), Bob Jackson (St. Francis Council), Mike Magill, DD Alan Lamake, David Riendeau (John Paul II Council), 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](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)

## *Fraternal Training and Communication*

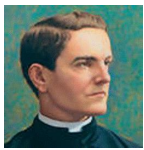
### *Training*

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

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

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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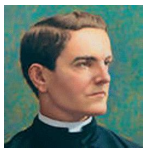
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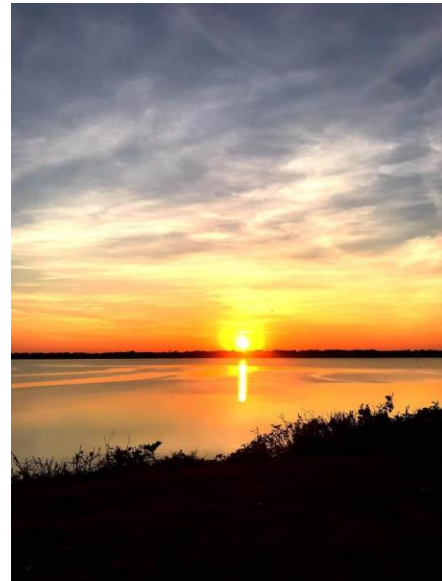
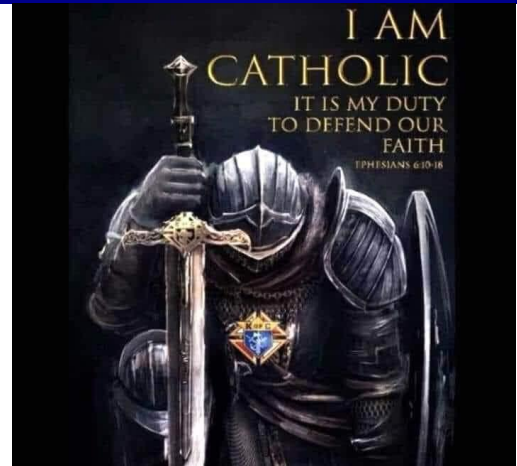
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I leave you with a couple of  
photos brought to my attention by  
my wife Linda during her social  
media scrolls. The first is a  
depiction of who we are, the  
second a reminder of the constant  
presence of our God.



*Vivat Jesus!*

