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Convention to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick. All local Councils will be encouraged to participate fully, because the State Council only exists to support and serve the local member Councils. Find your Council Banner, and be ready to participate at the Convention!!!

### *Welcome*

Welcome to the new RI State Council newsletter. It is a work in progress and I am open to suggestions regarding the type and nature of content, you can send them to me at [jkimc.tracy@att.net](mailto:jkimc.tracy@att.net) – Jack Tracy.

### *Council news*

The biggest news of the year is the attainment of our 125<sup>th</sup> year as a State Council. Holding the distinction of being the very FIRST State Council formed (in 1893), we will celebrate throughout the year with special and enhanced events, culminating with the annual



Worthy State Deputy Michael Benson is pleased to announce that the Jurisdiction of Rhode Island has attained the Circle of

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Honor for the third successive year. This was only possible through the hard work of the various member Councils. Congratulations to all of you! Remember, even a single new member adds to our growth, so whether you added 1 or 20 Brothers this past year, *You Helped*. Now, let's do it again!

Installation of State Officers for Fraternal Year 2017-2018.

The Installation Mass was concelebrated by State Chaplain Fr. Joseph Paquette (Principal Celebrant) with St. Bernard's Pastor Fr. John Unsworth and St. Eugene Council Chaplain (& St. Eugene's Pastor) Fr. T.J. Varghese. Patriotic Degree members led by District Marshal John Kay served as Honor Guard.

And, members from throughout the State were in attendance.

### *Officer Installation*



St. Bernard's Church in North Kingstown was the site for the



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Concelebrants Fr. Unsworth, Fr. Paquette and Fr. Varghese

Installed for a second 1 year term were State Deputy Michael and Lee Ann Benson, State Chaplain Fr. Joseph Paquette,

Past State Deputy Peter and Janet Lentini and the following returning District Deputies: Philip J (PJ) Shea III & Sarah (District 1), Raymond Riel & Pauline (Dist. 2), Robert Lynch & Joanne (Dist. 3), Robert Moniz & Suzanne (Dist. 4), Lee Rossetti & Sue (Dist. 5), Edwin (Ted) Benz & Christine (Dist. 6), Mark Paul & Heather (Dist. 7), John Kay (Dist. 8), Paul Saunders & Cherie (Dist. 9), Victor Silva & Nancy (Dist. 10), Alan Lamake & Irene (Dist. 12), and first year DD Eugene "Bud" Garceau & Gizele (Dist. 11).



State Deputy Mike Benson installing State Chaplain Fr. Joe Paquette

State Secretary Michael and Vicky Dziok, State Treasurer David Quinn & Lise Merrifield, State Advocate David and Ann Bebyn, State Warden Joseph and Danielle Carrignan along with Immediate



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State Officers and District Deputies taking their  
Oath

### *State Charity Raffle*

State Deputy Mike Benson also announced the following returning Directors: Membership Director Eric Batista, Program Director Jeffrey Gaulin, Degree & Ceremonials Director Robert Gallant and Church Director Michael DeAngelis. Joining them are Community Director Steven Perry, Family Director Alfred Hervieux, Youth Director Michael Guerra, and Council Director John “Jack” Tracy.

Mike Krzywonos continues to fill the role of Executive Secretary.

The Installation was followed by a collation at St. Francis Council. Catering by Mickey G’s.

While it may seem early, Charity Raffle Tickets have been printed and will be available to Councils at the August State Meeting. As was the case last year, tickets will cost the Council \$1 per book (each book has 6 tickets) which you can then sell for \$5 per book, realizing a potential **400% profit**. This is an easy fundraiser for your Council. Contact Jack Tracy (ticket Chairman) at [jkllmc.tracy@att.net](mailto:jkllmc.tracy@att.net) or 401-749-0987 with the number of books you want and he will have them ready for you at the August State meeting. You can also bring your check at the same time.

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## *Membership News*

The State Membership goal for this Fraternal Year has been set at 280 new members. This is a goal we have demonstrated that we can attain.

A Knighthood Degree Exemplification was held on July 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Council, 1265 Tower Hill Rd., No. Kingstown. Degree at 7:30pm, 14 Candidates attained full Knighthood. Congratulations! Brothers.

The next Knighthood Degree will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Woonsocket Council (All Saints Church, 323 Rathbun St., Woonsocket).

## *Upcoming Events*

Knights at the Pawsox will take place on August 13<sup>th</sup>, gametime is 1:05 pm.



A cookout at St. John Paul II Council (St. Cecilia) follows the game. Cost is \$30 (\$12 game, \$18 cookout). You can do one or both

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events. This activity also allows us to interact with our Brother Knights from Massachusetts.

Remember that these meetings allow interaction between local Councils, and allow information to be exchanged between the local and State Councils (in both directions). Each Council should ensure that it is represented at these meetings.

### *Local Council Functions*

Blessing Council will hold a Steak Fry to benefit the Mother of Life Center on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Pope Pius XII Council holds its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tourney on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please see the State website for details.

### *State Meeting*

The next State Meeting will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at East Providence Council #1528.

### *Prayers Requested*



Please remember the following in your prayers:

For the repose of Phil DePaolo and God's comfort for his family.

For Fr. Ricci's father, that he rests with God

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For the repose of Roland Gaulin, father of State Program Director, FDD Jeff Gaulin and solace for his family

For Brother Knights, FVSM Sav Guisti, DD Bud Garceau, PGK Ernie Pennine, Bishop Louis Gelineau and all our Brothers and their families facing medical issues.

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Officers, Patriotic Degree News,  
and Fraternal Benefits news as  
well as other items of interest  
which the membership may  
request and bring to my attention.

Remember, this is here for you, the  
membership, so please let me  
know what you want, find useful or  
even what you feel is not helpful.

- *Jack Tracy*

*Vivat Jesus!*

### *Closing Note*

Future issues of this newsletter will  
include such items as News from  
the Districts, Messages from State